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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN SURVEYING
The David Thompson National Geomatics Awards

The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors is proud to announce the winners of the eleventh annual David Thompson Awards! The awards were presented during the National Surveyors' Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 2nd, 2019.

Celebrating excellence in the field of geomatics in Canada, the David Thompson National Geomatics Award was introduced in the winter of 2006-2007. The program was developed to recognize projects that exemplify the innovation and contribution to society that surveyors make every day to bring successful projects about for the betterment of all Canadians. The program has the two following categories:

- Challenging Cadastral Survey Project
- Challenging Non Cadastral Survey Project

Challenging Cadastral Survey Project

In the category *Challenging Cadastral Survey Project*, the winner was David Attwood of Attwood Surveys Ltd. for the project entitled: "Louisbourg Harbour Survey", Louisbourg, Cape Breton Island, NS



In his project David displays some challenges and unique history dating back to pre confederation. The plan also shows the survey of the federal water lot grants and the survey of the pre-confederation provincial water lot grants.

Photo: Past ACLS President Dominique Fecteau awarding winner David Attwood of a Challenging Cadastral Survey Project in Halifax, NS.

There was only one submission. The judging panel did review it and decided that the project merited an award.

Challenging Non Cadastral Survey Project

In the category *Challenging Non Cadastral Survey Project*, the winner was Tyler Mikkelson of Caltech Surveys Land Surveying BC Ltd. for the project entitled: "Old Fort Landslide Survey"



Tyler`s project was amidst a natural disaster in Old Fort. Caltech submitted daily video fly-throughs, bare earth and full feature surfaces, and orthorectified imagery providing critical insight to decision makers as the emergency unfolded. Once the situation was stable, monitoring of the slide movement began and provided timely accurate data to the emergency response decision makers, which in turn, allowing families to return to their homes. Ongoing monitoring system were installed to alert residents of any changes in the future.

Photo: Former ACLS President Dominique Fecteau presenting the award to Tyler Mikkleson for his project on Non Cadastral Survey.

Runners up for this award were David Andrews of Global Raymac Surveys Inc. for the project entitled: “Drones for Mining Stewardship in Northern Canada” and Rob Yates of McElhanney for the project entitled: “Data capture & modelling of the coquitlam reservoir”.

The David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program is open to all commissioned surveyors who are members of a Canadian surveying association, submitting projects that have been completed within the last three years. The deadline for submissions is **March 30th, 2020**.

The ACLS is a national self-regulating professional association that is the licensing body for professionals surveying in the three Canadian territories, in the Federal parks, on Aboriginal reserves, as well as on and under the surface of Canada`s oceans. It has over 600 members located across Canada (and the world), with expertise in surveying, photogrammetry, remote sensing, geodesy, hydrography and land information systems. For details, please visit: www.acls-aatc.ca



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