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*Collaborative sharing and integration of spatial data
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ABOUT ICIS

ICIS (Integrated Cadastral Information Society) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the "collaborative sharing and integration of spatial data for the economic and social benefit of British Columbia."

Members of ICIS include Provincial Government Ministries, Crown Corporations, Local and Regional Governments, First Nations, and major Utility companies in BC.



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It is a great feeling to start the New Year at ICIS with all of the pieces in place. That may seem like a bold statement. In fact, it is!

The many pieces that support ICIS' key projects, BCSpatial and AddressBC, involve planning, budgeting, forecasting, designing, developing, testing, documenting, piloting and implementing. Continuing with the "ing" words, all these pieces require support via collaborating, sharing, communicating and trusting. Consequently, ICIS, in the true community sense, is progressing and succeeding. The groundwork on the various pieces is complete and it is time to put all efforts into the production phases.

BCSpatial is about establishing integration services for and one-stop access to the *best available cadastral data* for the Province. BCSpatial has expanded beyond the initial moniker for the single parcel fabric initiative. BCSpatial is the product name for the complete integrated fabric. AddressBC is the name of ICIS' geo-referenced point-based address system that has been developed to offer high value to all ICIS members by servicing a very specific need for an accurate provincial addressing system. Ostensibly, the address points comprise their own data layer. The addresses are reliant on the accuracy of the parcel data for a dependable reference.

The parcel data layer is this year's priority with the project defined by the work associated with defining a single cadastre for the Province. This new ICIS cadastre is established for the Capital Regional District (CRD). Not only is this parcel data complete, it is current to within one week and regarded as the best available data by all stakeholders. The plan for 2011 is to follow the project blueprint and continue adding jurisdictions to this cadastre, regional district at a time. The current phase is working with the regional districts of Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo and Alberni-Clayoquot to achieve similar results. The utilities (with Terasen Gas taking the lead), BC Assessment and the Parcel Fabric Section of the Provincial Government are all working together with the respective local governments in each region to create agreement on accuracy, alignment and other essential business drivers. Having all member segments agree on the rollout plan and focusing on regional districts versus the Province as a whole has resulted in a cost effective, efficient and workable plan.

AddressBC is regarded as a big opportunity for ICIS and is the other priority this year. The completion of all build phases, including user acceptance testing (UAT), are complete. The delivery and implementation of AddressBC on ICIS infrastructure has readied the application for production initiation in January 2011. Just like with the progression of the BCSpatial parcel data, AddressBC is planned to rollout throughout the Province in lock step, regional district by regional district. The establishment of a local government working group in the CRD will facilitate the progress and provide the necessary reality check leading to successful implementations.



All ICIS supporting initiatives are aligned to facilitate the success of BCSpatial.

The Civic Spatial Grant Program embraces specific simplified applications to facilitate the automated data processes for local governments. Workshops will be scheduled and formulated to support the various phases of the BCSpatial implementation and rollout. Investment in new and innovative training materials will expedite the adoption and effective use of the application tools. The marketing priority is the consistent refreshing of ICIS messaging with updates, successes and challenges of BCSpatial. Communications will focus on member profiles, news releases, newsletters and tweets (ICISED) to highlight and deliver the stories. The ICIS blogs provide bi-synchronous mechanisms to foster constructive dialogue and feedback for continually furthering the applications.

It is very apparent that the participating ICIS members are the key ingredient to achieving successful results. Without their contribution, collaboration and participation, all of the pieces would remain as pieces and there would be no great results to leverage.

2011 will be a very interesting, exciting and productive year. As always, thank you for your trust and support.

