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RE-OPENING OF LTCQ TO LT ABSOLUTE PLUS APPLICATIONS

During the Covid-19 lockdown, the Director of Titles (the “DOT”) has ordered a variety of minor procedural adjustments to accommodate unique situations. One such minor procedural adjustment has been the extension of the normal objection deadlines for Applications for Land Titles Absolute Plus. Notices relating to Applications for Land Titles Absolute Plus (“LT Absolute Notices”) typically gave rise to a thirty-day objection period. The DOT ordered that any Applications for Land Titles Absolute Plus that gave rise to an objection period that would have expired during the Covid-19 lockdown were stayed. This affected any Applications for Land Titles Absolute Plus which had an LT Absolute Notice issued after February 14, 2020. While applicants were allowed to continue to issue LT Absolute Notices throughout the Covid-19 lockdown, any Application for Land Titles Absolute Plus initiated by an LT Absolute Notice issued after February 14, 2020 (or that required an amended LT Absolute Notice issued after February 14, 2020) has been effectively stayed...until now.

As much of the Province has now gone into “Stage 2” of re-opening, the development of lands for housing and other purposes should also now proceed and this requires, in many cases, the processing of Applications for LT Absolute Plus.

Effective on **July 2, 2020**, the Land Registry Office staff will begin again the processing all Applications for Land Titles Absolute Plus, in chronological order, that had been effectively stayed during the Covid-19 lockdown.

Owners who have received an LT Absolute Notice and who intend on objecting, should do so on or before the later of: (i) July 1, 2020; or (ii) thirty days after the effective date of the LT Absolute Notice. Applicants can expect some delays while the accumulated backlog is processed. Hearings, if required, may be by writing only or conducted remotely, as may be decided by the DOT or any Deputy Director of Titles assigned to such Application for LT Absolute Plus.