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NOTARY PUBLIC

April 2021 Notary News

We are focusing on 'Healthy Living In and Around our Homes' this month! Spring has sprung and what better time than to start thinking about improving your lifestyle in and around your home? Whether it be in the form of spring cleaning, gardening, or making improvements to your home, what better time to begin?

KEEP READING to learn more about our Think Local Feature on irrigation store, information regarding the new Homeowner Grant application process, and new transparency reporting requirements for property owners.

SEE BOTTOM: **Garden Hose Giveaway** from **Wes-Tech Irrigation Supplies** at **their newly opened second location in Langford!** **MAP**

'Hoppy' Easter from all of us at Carter Notary!

Easter Weekend Hours:
Easter Monday: OPEN 9-5pm

Changes to Homeowner Grants

Attention Homeowners! Applying for your homeowner grant will look a little different this year. Starting now, all homeowner grant applications will be done directly through the BC Government using their new online portal. Applications are no longer filed through your local municipality; however, you will still receive the homeowner grant application information along with your notice in May 2021.

As a home owner, our Notary, Beverly Carter, decided to test out the new process online and surprisingly thought it was easy! Here are some tips that she thinks will make it easier for other home owners, especially help to better understand the numbering system on your tax notice.

[Here is what you need to know about the changes](#)



Property Owners Take Note of the New Land Registry

The BC Government launched the “Land Owner Transparency Registry” to reveal true ownership of real estate in British Columbia. These reports can only be completed by a BC Notary Public or BC lawyer. The requirements are complex, with written reports identifying how property is owned.

There are two ways the BC Government is viewing the ownership:

1. Legal ownership -- Legal ownership is the person(s) actually named on title ownership documents.
2. Beneficial ownership -- Who has an interest in the ownership of the property. Beneficial Ownership relates to who has true ownership or controls the property. It may be the legal owner, but it may also be someone else.

There are 4 common scenarios that may trigger a report:

1. Parent owns a property but has added a son or daughter on as owners.
2. Spouse not on title as an owner.
3. Parents going on title for mortgage purposes.
4. Parents giving money to son or daughter to buy a house.

If any of the above scenarios applies, or you think it applies, please call our office to have a consult with the Notary to further assess.



**Land Owner
Transparency
Registry**

THINK LOCAL: Help Us Support Local Businesses!

[Wes-Tech Irrigation Systems](#)

This month we are featuring Wes-Tech Irrigation Systems! Celebrating over 30 years in business. Wes-Tech Irrigation is Vancouver Island's leading irrigation company with the island's best selection! Find supplies online and in-person. Wes-Tech is your irrigation superstore!

Check out the recently opened 2nd location in Langford. Visit their online store. Link below.

[Wes-Tech Irrigation Online Store](#)

Enter for your chance to win a 50ft commercial grade garden hose from Wes-Tech!

Draw date April 9th at 3pm



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