



## Cadastral Mapping Specification Change - October 2007

AltaLIS is pleased to announce that **4 new layers have been added to cadastral mapping** effective October 1, 2007. These new layers contain Metes and Bounds line work, dimensions and descriptors relating to ownership parcels. Metes and bounds is a system of land description using distance (metes) and bearings (bounds) beginning and ending at the same point. It is primarily used to describe the boundaries of an ownership parcel. All existing layers remain unchanged.

**The new layers are:**

Description	LEVEL
Title boundary descriptors	5
METES AND BOUNDS (DIMENSIONS AND CELLS)	7
Title linework/descriptive text to close off parcel	10
METES AND BOUNDS (LINEWORK)	27

**Cadastral mapping** is a compilation of the plans of survey registered at Alberta Registries' Land Titles Offices. This mapping depicts lot, block, section lines, corresponding identifiers and dimensions; as well as, road and right of way limits.

In the same way that Cadastral Mapping represents the legal survey fabric based on registered plans of survey information, **Title Mapping** depicts land ownership (which is a component, consolidation or aggregation of the survey fabric) based on the Certificate of Title. Often, a lot on a survey plan will equate directly to a title; however, in many instances, the cadastral fabric has been further subdivided by these textual (metes and bounds) descriptions registered at Land Titles.

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