

Mineral Titles Online version 1.8.7

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Administrative Improvements

Text Changes: Tenure to Title

- Throughout the MTO application, references to the word “Tenure” have been changed to the word “Title” to align with wording in the Mineral Tenure Act. In the Act, the definition of “mineral title” means a claim or a lease.

First Nations text update

- The First Nations disclaimer text has been updated. This text can be found on many of the MTO screens and in some of the auto-generated emails from MTO to the clients.

From “Any subsequent activities, permits, approvals or decisions related to exploration and development work on mineral or placer tenure will require the Province of British Columbia to meet applicable legal obligations to consult with and, if appropriate, accommodate affected First Nations.”

To “Any subsequent decisions regarding mining activity and permits authorizing exploration and development work on mineral or placer titles requires the Province of British Columbia to consult with and possibly accommodate First Nations who may be impacted by any such authorizations.”

Confirmation Email update

- Updated the content of the auto-generated confirmation emails that are received by owner/agents after registration of for Conversion (CONV) and Subdivision (SUBD). These two emails were missed with up update at version 1.7.2.

New Tool: Claim Adjacency verification

- A new tool to test claim adjacency with a SOW. Clients will still be permitted to continue with their SOW registration regardless of whether the spatial geo-processing services are up and running, or even if their registration failed the adjacency test. Please see more details below about his item.

Details:

Under the *Mineral Tenure Act*, a recorded holder has the ability to apply exploration work done on one of their claims and apply that work to their adjoining claims to satisfy the assessment requirements. The *Act* also allows for a Crown Granted 2 Post Mineral Claim (CG) to be used for adjoining purposes.

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Currently, MTO does not check whether the claims are adjoining or not. The responsibility to ensure claims are adjoining is with the recorded holder and will continue in that regard. However, to aide recorded holders identify cases were claims may not be adjoining a new feature is being added to MTO.

This feature is being added to the 'Exploration and Development /Expiry Date Change' event (SOW) and will verify whether the claims (tenure numbers) entered by the recorded holder are adjoining. For your reference, 'adjoining' means to share a common boundary. This could be cell claim/cell claim; legacy claim/legacy claim; cell claim/legacy claim; or a CG with a cell or legacy claim.

Warning: The verification will only be performed when a SOW event registration contains only claims. If a CG lot is used for adjoining purposes, the adjoining verification will not be performed.

In a case where the claims are not adjoining, the recorded holder will receive a warning message in the following format:

The following titles are not adjoining: [tenure 1, tenure 2, tenure 4][tenure 3]

Tenure number(s) of the claim(s) that are adjoining are grouped in the first set of brackets and the tenure number(s) of the claim(s) that are not adjoining are grouped in the second set of brackets. In the example below, 'tenure 3' is separated from the other 3 titles indicating that it does not adjoin.

A recorded holder can still proceed with the SOW registration; however, the following options are presented and must be selected from:

- Option 1: Knowing my claim(s) failed the spatial adjacency verification, I still wish to continue my exploration and development registration. Continuing could result in cancellation of the exploration and development registration, cancellation of the claim(s) or any other order that the chief gold commissioner may consider upon review of this registration by the Mineral Titles Branch.
- Option 2: I wish to revise my list of submitted titles for this registration of exploration and development
- Option 3: I do not wish to continue with this registration.

If a recorded holder selects option 1, they will still be allowed to proceed with their event registration. An example of when this might still result in a valid registration is when a recorded holder wishes to submit a single SOW event registration for non-adjoining titles and understands that work must have been conducted on each individual title.

In a case where a district lot of a crown grant has been included for adjoining purposes, the adjacency verification is ignored and the client proceeds with their registration as normal. Currently, there is no spatial representation available for CG lots and so the adjoining verification cannot be done.

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Warning: Occasionally, the spatial services that conduct the adjoining verification become unavailable. If this happens, no verification is done and the recorded holder proceeds with their registration as normal.

Mapping Improvements

- Updated metadata links and source data for several mapping layers on the mineral, placer and coal maps.
- Added the International and Interprovincial boundary layer to the mineral, placer and coal maps. Currently, the boundaries show in the map viewer when you are at a small scale (viewing the whole province) but once you start to zoom to a larger scale (viewing a town, valley, watershed, etc.) the boundaries disappear. This addition will allow the boundaries to be seen when viewing the map at a larger scale

Do you have any suggestions or comments for improvements to Mineral Titles Online?

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