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WHAT'S ON

LEATHERTOWN FESTIVAL TO FOCUS ON COMMUNITY'S HISTORY

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We've all heard it's worth the drive to Acton, and this weekend's Leathertown Festival aims to remind you why. The annual event that draws thousands is set to take over the downtown core on Aug. 11, bringing together a variety of performers, artisans, retailers and food vendors in celebration of the town's history in leather craftsmanship.

"This year Acton is celebrating its 175th anniversary, and we have been working hard to make this year's festival extra special," said Tyler King, Downtown Acton Business Improvement Area general manager. "Not only are we rebuilding a bridge to Acton's history in leather and craftsmanship, but we're aiming to present the most engaging festival to date with many live craft demonstrations and craft workshops."

Visitors who stop by Leathertown Alley at the festival can learn about Canadian



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The Leathertown Festival headline performances always attract large crowds to downtown Acton.

leathercraft, Indigenous history and early Canadian pioneering. There'll also be themed marketplaces such as Masters of Leathercraft, workshops and demonstrations by local artists.

"We're sculpting out ways of enhancing visitor engagement to promote culture exchange here at home," noted King. "The goal is a stronger event that's more memorable for our patrons."

An improved classic car show and kids' fun zone with pioneer and western-themed games round out this year's new features at the free event. As always, there will be a wide variety of musical entertainment throughout the festival, with renowned children's performer Fred Penner serving as this year's headliner.

The Acton Leathertown Festival runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information visit leathertownfestival.com.



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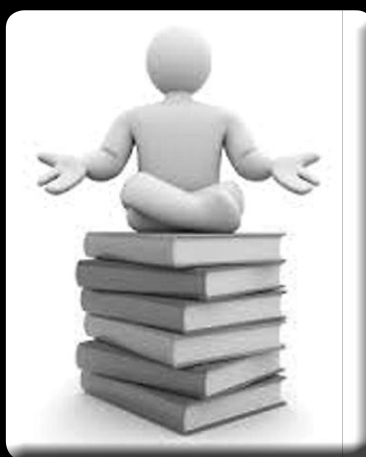
Q: Does a survey plan expire after a period of time?

A: A survey is a special map of a parcel of land that provides details determined after research and field measurements. It is a snapshot of your property as of the date it was completed.

So a survey doesn't necessarily expire but rather quickly becomes out of date as properties are renovated and fences and sheds are built. A bigger problem using old surveys occurs when road widenings, easements, and severances are added to the property. A new survey will reflect these changes while an old survey does not.

Old surveys can still be very useful in providing historical information about the property and surveyors refer to these old plans for evidence when preparing a new survey. For example, some properties have buildings and fences that have not changed so they can become important information when determining a boundary.

In order to be up to date, a survey must reflect any changes that may have occurred on the property and show current registry office title information all of which won't be shown on an old plan. Only a licensed Ontario Land Surveyor can provide this information. I'm available to discuss your property should you have any questions.



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Q: My husband and I seem to have the same fights over and over. The topic may vary but the pattern always seems the same.

A: When people spend time together the way they communicate becomes a predictable pattern or what is often referred to as "the dance." One closes in as the other backs away. While some feel that the only way to deal with a difference of opinion is to talk it out, others will feel that they need space and time to first think things through. Some communications styles include:

- The Pursuer: These people often feel like they are great communicators because when there is a problem, they want to talk it out immediately and keep at it until there is some sort of resolution. Repeating your point of view over and over until you wear the other person down is not the same as being a great communicator.
- The Distancer: While the pursuer is insisting that the issues must be talked through right now and for as long as necessary to get "closure," the distancer just wants time to get his or her thoughts together. They do not think well under pressure and often will use anger to push the other person away. They are accused of sweeping the problem under the rug. While it is important to give them space, the distancer often avoids returning to the problem at hand.
- The Fixer: These individuals want to quickly fix the problem. They have a hard time listening to what the real issue is but prefer instead, to advise, rescue and take control. These people often find themselves in a relationship with someone who they perceive always needs rescuing. Their partner, however, may feel disrespected.
- The Blamer: This is the person who approaches a disagreement as if it were a tennis match. Rather than trying to hear the other person's point of view, any complaint is deferred back to their partner by blaming. There will be a lot of "ya, but..." and "you do that too". If the problem is never anyone's fault, no one ever has to change their behaviour.

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