Condominium Plan Working Group

In June of 2007, Spatial Data Warehouse (SDW) invited users of SDW/AltaLIS datasets to participate in two Mapping Forums (Edmonton & Calgary) to discuss the various base mapping products available in Alberta. These sessions were attended by several industry sectors such as surveying, forestry, utility, petroleum and geomatics as well as municipal and provincial governments. 53 people attended the sessions which lasted about 5 hours each. (see Base Mapping User Forum document for more information)

During the course of these sessions, it was determined that SDW would host two working group meetings to further discuss two items. One was to further define user requirements for a GIS Ready Cadastral Base and the other to discuss how Condominium Plans are being mapped in the Cadastral Base.

The following are SDW's notes from the Condominium Plan Working Group meeting held in Red Deer on October 16, 2007.

Working Group Notes

- 1. Ellen Styner described how Condominium Plans are handled today in the cadastral, with multiple phase condominiums getting multiple plan numbers in original parcel. If building footprint is included with new plan (most do) it is added on Level 10 in the cadastral product.
- 2. Ellen also showed what MNC has done for a municipality in Florida. The building footprint is divided up into the number of units there are and each unit has a link including its floor number and building address number.
- 3. Strathcona and Foothills use this same approach they call "egg-crate". Red Deer and Leduc used this in the past but now put address points or nodes within the polygon to represent each address. Red Deer captures these points using Ortho photos on a yearly schedule.
- 4. Bill Servante & Pat Harnett explained how the City of Calgary is dealing with Condominium Plans and it is very similar. The City is keeping all of the Plan numbers on one map product and on a second product they show the building footprint with the addressing for the main floor. If there are multiple floors this is handled with additional textual information not on the base map.
- 5. The Users in the group are all in agreement that the way MNC maps Condominium plans now meets their needs. There was discussion as to whether the smaller municipalities would find the "egg-crate" approach useful or not. SDW may want to survey the smaller Municipalities to see if their needs are being met with the current method of mapping Condo plans.