

# SURVEY MARKERS

## COUNTY OF VERMILION RIVER PLANNING & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

<https://www.vermilion-river.com/departments/community-services/development-permits>

### What Is Survey Evidence or Markers?

- Typically survey markers are one-meter-long “pins” inserted at the exact intersection of property lines
- The location of these pins is marked on survey plans registered at the Land Titles office

### Why Do I Need To Know My Property Boundaries?

- Contractors may need to know the boundaries to accurately find reference points in order to meet setback requirements as outlined in the Land Use Bylaw
- To mitigate any potential safety hazards due to construction occurring over gas lines or other utility rights-of-way
- To ensure that your building project does not extend into your neighbor’s property

### What Happens If I Move Survey Evidence?

- It is **ILLEGAL** to remove or tamper with an official boundary marker!!!!
  - Tampering with boundary markers or “pins” can result in fines up to **\$10,000**
  - Re-establishing boundaries involves extensive research and can be very costly (hundreds to thousands of dollars)
- The *Surveys Act of Alberta* governs boundary markers
- Do NOT dig out or throw away boundary markers if you find them
- Ensure pins are clearly identified prior to beginning any construction so that machinery operators can be sure to avoid them

### What If The Survey Marker Is In The Way of My Landscaping Project?

- If a survey pin happens to be where a fence post should be placed, you must try to build AROUND the pin

### How Do I Have My Property Surveyed?

- An Alberta Land Surveyor must be employed to determine the boundaries of your property
- Once the correct boundaries are established and pins are placed into the ground, a plan of survey must be prepared and filed at the Land Titles Office

### QUICK FACTS:

- A) Removal or tampering of survey pins can result in a fine up to **\$10,000**
- B) An Alberta Land Surveyor must be obtained to determine the boundary lines of your property
- C) It is the landowner’s expense to obtain the Alberta Land Surveyor



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