

**Update: Nova Scotia's E-Land Registry by Nancy Saunders  
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Over the past 6 years Service Nova Scotia has been working towards a vision of 100% electronically accessible Land Registry:

- all documents, plans and indices searchable online and
- ability to e-submit all documents.

Halifax will be the first to reach this goal, but the remaining 17 Land Registration Offices are not far behind.

- 5 counties will have completed the 60 year back scanning of documents;
- by end of 2007-08, the remaining 12 counties will have completed the 60 year back scanning;
- 4 counties will have all historical plans scanned by the end of March;
- at least another 4 counties will have all historical plans scanned in 2007-08;
- daily scanning of plans will be implemented province wide on April 3; and
- Form 44 and Judgment Forms 46 and 47 will be able to be e-submitted as of April 3, province wide.

In the fall of 2006, we surveyed many of our Land Registry users and asked for their input on priorities for system enhancements over the next 3 to 5 years. They said:

- scan all documents back to book 1;
- scan all plans;
- add more E-sub forms; and
- add more data linkages in Property Online such as probate documents, DNR records, etc.

We have taken these suggestions into consideration when doing the planning for the next 3 to 5 years.

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## Update: Halifax E-Land Registry

Service Nova Scotia has made significant investments in the Halifax Land Registration Office in order to scan documents and make more processes electronic, thereby making it possible for clients to search all documents, plans and indices as well as submit documents electronically. When the Halifax LRO is re-located in February 2008, the facility and processes will be transformed such that lawyers and title searchers who use the LRO on a daily basis will be able to conduct virtually all title searches and land transactions electronically.

All of the scanning and back keying is completed in Halifax except for 400 document books and a few odds and ends of plans.

The Land and Property Programs of Service Nova Scotia are pursuing our E-Land Registry Vision which includes links to various land records held in other departments and will be using the Halifax E-Land Registry model for the remaining 17 LROs over the next 3 to 5 years.

<b>Halifax E-vault Project Task Completed to Date:</b>
Back keying the indices from 1900 to 1749
Scanning of all but 400 books of documents
Conversion of all Optex document images to POL
Design, development and implementation of POL robust plan index and search
Digitizing the 42,000 plans from microfilm (year 1749 to 2005)
Design, development and implementation of functionality to accommodate the electronic submission of AFR bundles
Design, development and implementation of new functionality to add approximately 20 new e-submission documents
Completion of the quality control process on the Grantor Grantee indices back to 1906 and loading in POL
Design and development of e-submission of traditional registry documents and judgment roll documents
Scanning of Book Page Plans
Scanning of expropriation plans
Back keying of missing plans in plan index

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<b>Halifax E-vault Project Task To Be Completed</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Implement e-submission of Judgment docs	April 3, 2007
Implement e-submission of Traditional Registry docs	April 3, 2007
Back scan remaining documents to Book 1 (600 books remaining)	July 2007
Back scan remaining highway plans	March 2007
Back scan condo plans	March 2007
Back key and QC all GGI indices back to 1749	March 2007
Reconcile data fields in Planlog to the card index	March 2007
Load all 42,000 plan images on line	March 2007
Implement daily scanning of plans	April 3, 2007
Scan the gap of plans between the 42,000 microfilmed plans and start of daily scanning; 735 plans.	March 2007
Scan Grant Books	March 2007
Scan Trust Books	March 2007
Scan Condo Books	March 2007
Back scan all condo plans	March 2007
Load all 1749 to present document images online	Books are loaded in POL as they are scanned/digitized (March 2007)
Load all condo images online	March 2007
Load the keyed and QC'd GGI online	Groups of years are placed online as they are QC'd February/March 2007
Data clean-up in plan index	April-July 2007

## Corporate Land Records Data Linkages Update

Data Link	Update
Links to Environmental Registry in POL	Currently working with NSEL on establishing link to selected Environmental Registry data from POL.
Links to TPW Road Acquisition Documents in POL	Road Acquisition documents are scanned and there will be an index and link established in POL in 2007.
HRM Municipal Tax Link	Will implement as soon as HRM gives the go ahead to do the work.
CBRM Municipal Tax Link	Awaiting technical changes/early summer 2007
Links to DNR documents and Crown Lands Records in Property Online	Interim solution proposed: Phase I – access to DNR scanned images of grants and index sheets in each LRO Phase II will be access to DNR grants and index sheets from POL
Link to Probate Registry in Property Online (3 years)	Will begin discussions with Probate this year on establishing links to Probate Documents/Index from POL

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