



November 4, 2019

**NOTICE REGARDING
FUNERAL DIRECTOR CERTIFICATES**

The Land Titles Office notifies the profession and submitters that effective immediately, this office will no longer accept evidence of death from funeral directors located outside of this jurisdiction.

Past practice of registering applications by surviving joint tenants involved the Land Titles Office accepting a funeral director's certificate as evidence of death pursuant to s. 136(2) of the *Land Titles Act*. Going forward, such documents are deemed not to be satisfactory proof to the Registrar. An original death certificate from the local jurisdiction's government authority or vital statistics registry will be required, or a notarial certificate of the same.

This notice is issued following the 2019 meeting of the Canadian Council of Land Title Officials. It is intended to better position the NWT with best practices of other jurisdictions that require evidence from trusted government sources, whilst recognizing the unique circumstances of this jurisdiction.

Any questions can be directed to the Land Titles Office at (867) 767-9302.

Sincerely,

Matthew F. Yap, CD, LL.M.
Registrar of Land Titles