

Resolution 7A

CIVIC ADDRESSING (PASSED)

⇒ District of Barrington

WHEREAS the Province of Nova Scotia has established and maintains the Nova Scotia civic address file as the official civic address database for the Province; and

WHEREAS the Nova Scotia civic address file is the source for the 911 based addressing for emergency response in Nova Scotia; and

WHEREAS the utility of the civic addressing file is significantly limited in the instance of emergency unless civic addresses are clearly posted; and

WHEREAS risk to the safety of Nova Scotians may be caused by absence or inaccuracy of civic addressing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM request that the Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations develop and enforce legislation and regulations requiring consistent, visible posting of civic addressing signs on all public and private properties in Nova Scotia.

Response from:

*Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations & Emergency Management Office
(Justice)*

RESPONSES:

(Response from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations)

Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations is the department responsible for the Municipal Government Act. It provides Municipalities the ability to establish bylaws that require signage and posting of civic address in a specified manner.

(Response from Emergency Management Office (Justice)

The assignment of civic addressing is under the authority of the various municipalities. Civic addresses are assigned/ submitted by the municipalities to the Nova Scotia Civic Address File for compilation into the provincial database (i.e. NSCAF). The NSCAF is administered by Nova Scotia Geomatics Centre (NSGC) which is a division of SNSMR. The NSCAF serves as the single point of reference for civic addressing data in the province and is utilized by 911, EHS and others.

The prominent posting of civic address signage can be of assistance in enabling first responders (fire/police/medical) when locating an address from which a 911 call has been made. EMO encourages the prominent posting of civic address signage by private individuals and businesses and has delivered several television campaigns on this subject (most recently in March 2012). It is our understanding some municipalities currently have bylaws in place pertaining to the posting of civic address signage. EMO welcomes the opportunity to work with our municipal partners in fostering public awareness of the importance of the prominent posting of civic address signage. EMO does not believe provincial legislation and enforcement of civic address signage is the most effective means by which to address this matter at this time.