

**Chapter 50**  
**Civic Addressing By-law**

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**1.0 SHORT TITLE**

This By-Law shall be known as By-Law Number 50, and may be cited as the “Civic Addressing By-Law”.

**2.0** Nothing in this By-law shall be construed as authorizing non-compliance with any laws, regulations, by-laws, lawful orders or directives pursuant to any other statute, regulation or statutory or regulatory authority that may require the posting of civic numbering on structures or properties or the posting of street names on private roads or which may specify standards in respect of the posting of civic numbers or street names.

**3.0 DEFINITIONS**

In this By-Law:

“building” means a structure used or intended to be used to support or shelter any use or occupancy, except a structure the use of which is accessory to the use of another structure on the same lot and except a structure which, if it were now being built for the first time, would not require a Building Permit to authorize its construction and includes an incomplete building once the footings have been constructed;

“Civic Addressing Co-ordinator” means the Civic Addressing Co-ordinator appointed by the Town to administer this By-law, who is an employee of the Town or the Pictou County District Planning Commission;

“civic number” means the number assigned to a lot or building by this By-law or by the Civic Addressing Co-ordinator;

“owner(s)” has the same meaning as the owner(s) of property in the *Municipal Government Act* or successor legislation from time to time;

“private road” means any street, road, lane, bridge or other thoroughfare accessible to motor vehicles which is not a street as defined within this By-law and which serves as a principal vehicular access to three or more dwelling units or buildings;

“street” means any public street, highway, road, lane, bridge, or thoroughfare accessible to vehicular traffic owned by the Province of Nova Scotia, the Town or any other municipality including a public highway;

“Town” means the Town of Trenton, a body corporate duly established under the *Municipal Government Act of Nova Scotia, RSNS 1998*.

**4.0** A civic number that was posted on a lot or building or that was customarily in use as a mailing address for a lot or building on the date of first reading of this By-law is hereby assigned to that lot or building until and unless the Civic Addressing Co-ordinator, by written notice to the owner(s),

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otherwise directs.

- 5.0** The Civic Addressing Co-ordinator shall be responsible for the further assigning of civic numbers to lots or buildings and shall keep or supervise the keeping of a property information record or system identifying all civic numbers assigned by the Town. The Civic Addressing Co-ordinator may assign civic numbers to lots or buildings for which subdivision approval or a development or building permit is sought or obtained. The Civic Addressing Co-ordinator is not obliged to assign civic numbers to undeveloped lots, and may assign more than one civic number to a lot.
- 6.0** The Civic Addressing Co-ordinator may, by written notice to the owner(s), change or re-assign civic numbers where reasonably necessary to avoid potentially confusing numbering discontinuities or irregularities, and to assure an adequate supply of civic numbers for existing and future development.
- 7.0** The owner(s) shall not post or permit to be posted a number which is not assigned to the lot or building on which the number is posted.
- 8.0** The owner(s) of a lot on which a building is located shall keep posted on the lot or building the assigned civic number in the following manner:
- 8.1** civic numbers shall be posted in a location which is not obstructed from view when viewed from the closest place on the traveled portion of the principal street or private road upon which the lot or building is situated or from which it has access, and from all points in at least 10 metres (30') in either direction from that place, except that an intervening tree trunk or a vertical pole or post shall not alone be considered an obstruction for purposes of this subsection;
- 8.2** civic numbers shall face towards the street or private road upon which the lot or building is situated and which forms part of the civic address for the lot or building except that double-sided signage may be used, in which event the civic number shall be on both sides of the sign and perpendicular to the street or private road;
- 8.3** civic numbers shall be in Arabic numerals;
- 8.4** the bottom of the numerals shall be a minimum of 1.2 metres (4') above grade;
- 8.5** the colour of the numerals shall clearly contrast with the background upon which the numbers are displayed;
- 8.6** the height of the numerals shall not be less than the following dimensions for the specified viewing distances measured from the place where the civic number is posted to the closest edge on the traveled portion of the principal street or private road upon which the lot or building is situated;
- (a) viewing distance of 30 metres (100') or less: minimum numeral height of 100 millimetres (4");
- (b) viewing distance of more than 30 metres (100'): minimum numeral height of 200 millimetres (8");
- 8.7** where the viewing distance measured from the place where the civic number is posted to the closest edge of the traveled portion of the principal street or private road upon which the lot or building is situated is 15 metres (50') or more, the sign shall be artificially illuminated at

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night to be visible from the street or road, except if there is no electrical service to the lot or building;

**8.8** in the event that:

- (a) a building is not located within 90 metres (300') of the closest edge of the traveled portion of the principal street or private road upon which the building is situated;
- (b) the view of the civic number would be obstructed if it were posted on the building;
- (c) for any other reason the owner(s) does not post the civic number on the building;

the civic number shall be posted on a gatepost, signpost or other structure on the lot on which the building is situated, excluding a utility pole for electrical, telephone or other utility service, on the same side of the road, and at least 3.5 metres (11.5') from the closest edge of the traveled portion of the street or private road upon which the building is situated.

**9.0** The owner(s) of a private road which intersects a street shall take the following steps to erect and maintain a sign identifying the private road by name:

- 9.1** obtain from the Civic Addressing Co-ordinator, the name assigned to the private road by the Town, and if no name has been assigned, request the Town to assign a name;
- 9.2** apply for, and use best efforts to obtain, permission to erect an identifying sign and a signpost from any person or regulatory authority whose permission is required by law to erect an identifying sign and a signpost;
- 9.3** where permission is obtained in accordance with subsection 9.2, erect, maintain in good condition, and replace as necessary, a sign and signpost at the intersection of the private road and the street in a manner consistent with any conditions attached to such permission and other lawful requirements, and, except to the extent of any inconsistency with such conditions or other lawful requirements, in accordance with provincial and municipal street sign standards.

**10.0** Upon application by an owner(s), the Civic Addressing Co-ordinator may provide written authorization for signage for civic numbers or street names to vary from the standards contained in the By-law, with or without conditions, when:

- 10.1** compliance with the standards is not reasonably possible, having regard to the physical features of the site or otherwise; or
- 10.2** compliance would not as effectively meet the objectives of this By-law as an alternative approach.

An authorization under this section may be revoked or varied by the Civic Addressing Co-ordinator. Owner(s) shall comply with any conditions contained within authorizations granted under this section.

**11.0** In the event of contravention of this By-law, in addition to any prosecution or other remedy, the Town, may:

- 11.1** prepare a notice in writing to the owner(s) to undertake remedial action including but not limited to the posting or re-posting of a civic number on a building or lot or the erection of signage for a private road;

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- 11.2** serve the notice upon the owner(s), which notice shall be deemed to have been sufficiently served if posted on the owner(s) building, lot or property;
- 11.3** if the remedial action has not been undertaken or completed within fourteen (14) days, the Town may enter upon the private property of the owner(s) and undertake the remedial work, and charge and collect the costs of the work, with interest from the date of the completion of the work until the date of payment, as a first lien on the property affected.
- 12.0** Any person who violates any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and to imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days in default of payment thereof.
- 13.0** Any person who contravenes Section 8.0 of this By-law and who is given notice of the contravention may pay to the Town, at the place specified in the notice, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) within fourteen (14) days of the date of the notice and shall thereby avoid prosecution for that contravention.

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I certify that this Civic Addressing By-law was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.

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Chief Administrative Officer

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