

How can I get more information?

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- Your municipal office
- Service Nova Scotia's toll-free public enquiry call centre, 1-800-670-4357
- Service Nova Scotia's web site: www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/

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Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations is working with your municipality and other provincial government agencies – including the Emergency Measures Organization, Emergency Health Services, the Electoral Office and the Department of Transportation and Public Works – on a province-wide initiative called the Civic Address Project. The Project will collect accurate information that will be used to create computerized maps that will pinpoint the location of roads, homes, businesses and other facilities across the province.

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What is a civic address?

Your civic address is the number, street or road name, community and county assigned to residential, commercial, institutional and industrial buildings (e.g. 31 Main Street, Stonehouse, Cumberland County).

What sort of information is being collected?

For the next few years, Civic Address Project field teams will move from county to county, gathering new information and building on existing data held by your municipality. Essentially, we will record civic numbers that are posted, geographic reference coordinates and other data. The information will be used to plot addresses on computerized maps. Your municipality will keep the information up-to-date, adding new roads and buildings as need be.

How is civic address information collected?

Field teams will pass each property, recording or updating the information we need for each civic address. In some cases, a second team will pass by, spot checking the information gathered by the first team. Accuracy is critical to the success of the project.

If a building is relatively new or does not exist on earlier records, a survey technician will point a device similar to a radar gun at it to capture its geographic coordinates. This technology, which uses satellite signals, is called the global positioning system (GPS).

How can I tell if a vehicle or workers are part of the project?

Our vehicles are marked and the crews have identification. The field team are highly-trained professionals and will move on after a few minutes.

Who will use this information?

The biggest benefactor will be the citizens and communities across the province because emergency response services (police, fire, ambulance) will have much more accurate computerized maps for the Emergency 911 system. Federal, provincial and municipal government agencies need accurate civic address information to plan and deliver services. Private companies use the information to schedule courier deliveries, trace parcels, locate service vehicles or school buses and a variety of other needs.

Here are some tips about posting your civic address numbers:

- Use Arabic (1, 2, 3...) numerals.
- Put your numbers at least 1.2 m (48 inches) from the ground, clearly visible from the roadway. If your building is far from the roadway, post your numbers on a sign within 5 m (15 feet) of the road.
- Use numbers that contrast with the background colour of your building or sign (white numbers on a black or blue background are easy to read).
- If your civic number sign (either on the building or a post) is within 15 m (50 feet) of the roadway, the numbers should not be less than 65 mm (2.5 inches) tall.
- If your civic number sign (either on the building or a post) is more than 15 m (50 feet) from the roadway, the numbers should not be less than 100 mm (4 inches) tall.
- If you're unsure about your civic number, check with your municipal office or call the Emergency Measures Organization, toll-free, at 1-800-388-3911.

The following organizations are working together on the Civic Address Project:

- Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations
- The Department of Transportation and Public Works
- Emergency Health Services (EHS)
- Emergency Measures Organization (EMO)
- The Nova Scotia Electoral Office
- Your municipality

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