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News Release

"Town Encourages Residents to Number their Houses"

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For Immediate Release

Mr. Robert (Bob) Hobbs, Mayor of the Town of Bishop's Falls, and Mr. Gary Harnum, Bishop's Falls Fire Chief, are today encouraging residents and businesses of Bishop's Falls to fix their civic address numbers to their homes and buildings. "In recent years it has become apparent that to help improve emergency response times, the residents and businesses of Bishop's Falls must have their civic address numbers fixed to their homes and buildings", stated Mayor Hobbs. Fire Chief Harnum added "When a civic number is clearly identified on a home and building, it saves the Department critical time when responding to an emergency situation".

There are approximately 1,400 homes and buildings in Bishop's Falls, and in some cases the road/street is not numbered in logical order. Mayor Hobbs explained that "On some roads and streets in Town, the civic numbering system did not develop in logical order over the years. For example, on Hampton's Hill the first set of homes on the odd side are numbered 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, etc. Clearly, in the event of an emergency response, this could create some confusion for ambulance operators or firefighters. Recently, Council proposed to renumber some of these roads, but that was rejected by the residents. Council recognizes there is a safety issue here, and to avoid a forced renumbering scheme on roads in similar situations to that of Hampton's Hill, it is first attempting to get residents and businesses to cooperate by fixing their civic numbers on their homes and buildings".

In the past the Bishop's Falls Fire Department encountered some difficulty finding a home or building because it was not identified with a civic number. "Many people think that because we are a small community, everyone knows where John or Jane Doe lives. This is not always the case. Over the past number of years Bishop's Falls has grown with new people moving in and new homes being constructed; therefore, to ensure the emergency response is adequate, it is critically important for residents and businesses to number their homes and buildings, and to do so correctly", said Fire Chief Harnum.

There are many homes and buildings that are already numbered, but in some instances the identification may not be clearly visible or correct; therefore, Council and the Fire Department are asking all residents and businesses to do one of the following: (1) If your home or building is not marked with your civic number, please do so immediately; or (2) If your home or building is marked, make sure it's clearly visible and correct.

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