



COUNTY OF MINBURN NO. 27

RURAL ADDRESSING PROGRAM

In 2007 and 2008, the County incorporated a rural addressing program which assigned an address to each rural property so that its location could be easily identified and found by local service and utility companies and the general public. Most importantly, however, the rural addressing program allowed the location of persons in crisis to be quickly and accurately identified by response personnel such as police, fire and ambulance in emergencies involving a threat to life, health, property, or the safety of residents in the County of Minburn.

Funding for the Rural Addressing Program was provided by Alberta Municipal Affairs Housing, the Town of Vegreville, Village of Innisfree, Village of Minburn, Village of Mannville, and the County of Minburn. The partnerships facilitated collaboration and cooperation between municipalities and allowed us to cost share in a program which resulted in significant benefits to our local governments in the joint delivery of services.

All rural addresses become part of the TELUS 9-1-1 data base to assist in emergency service situations.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is it?

A standardized system which assigns an address to rural properties throughout a municipality to allow them to be quickly and easily identified by emergency response agencies (police, fire, ambulance), service providers, residents, and non-residents.

Is rural addressing new to the province?

No. In fact, there are many M.D.s and counties that have already fully implemented an addressing system including Beaver County, Smokey Lake County, Red Deer County, Sturgeon County, Parkland County, Strathcona County, M.D. of Brazeau, M.D. of Breenview, and Yellowhead County.

How are rural addresses created?

Rural addresses are based on the Township/Range Road Grid System. In many ways, a rural address resembles a city or town address, with township and range roads taking the place of streets and avenues. Similar to urban addressing, a dwelling or business is assigned an "Access Number". A typical address would be 51319 Rge Rd 134.

What happens if there are multiple dwellings on the same access?

When an access serves more than one residence on a property, the access number would be followed by a letter designation. In this example, a typical address would be 51319A Rge Rd 134.

What about subdivisions?

Rural addressing within subdivisions is similar to an apartment building in a city. There is one primary access to an apartment and each suite in the building has a unique identifying number. Subdivisions are numbered clockwise from the access road entry. In some subdivisions, due to size and the number of primary accesses, several different addresses may exist for the same subdivision. Subdivision signage would include a large subdivision sign at the same address and individual lot number signs within the subdivision. A typical address would be 4 – 51319A Rg Rd 134.



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General Rules and Guidelines

Addresses are based on access locations (approaches) along township roads, range roads, and highways.

Each mile of township road, range road, and highway is divided into 16 address intervals.

Address numbers increase from South to North and from East to West.

Odd address numbers are on the South and East side of roads. Even address numbers are on the North and West sides of roads.

Standard Abbreviations:

- Rge Rd = Range Road
- Twp Rd = Township Road
- Hwy = Highway

Example: 51319 Rge Rd 134

The access location is on Twp Rd 134. 513 is the intersecting Twp Rd number to the south. 19 is the address number on the east side of Rge Rd 134.

Example: 13313 Twp Rd 514

The access location is on Twp Rd 514. 133 is the intersecting Rge Rd number to the east. 13 is the address number on the south side of Twp Rd 514.

Example: 51214A Rge Rd 133 and 51214B Rge Rd 133

When two or more access locations on the same side of a road fall within the same address interval, a letter suffix is used to distinguish among the addresses.

Example: 1- 51310 Rge Rd 133 and 2-51310 Rge Rd 133.

When two or more addresses on the same side of a road have the same access location, a numeric prefix is used to distinguish among the addresses.

Example: 50-51225 Rge Rd 134

Subdivision addresses are based on the location of the intersection of the subdivision road with a Twp Rd, Rge Rd, or Hwy. Subdivision lots are treated as multiple addresses having the same access location.

