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Have an Impact on Accessibility Standards in the Built Environment

Applications are now open for the **Built Environment Standard Development Committee**. The committee will assist the Accessibility Advisory Board with making recommendations to the Minister of Justice on provincial accessibility standards to prevent and remove barriers to accessibility in buildings, rights of way, and outdoor spaces.

The opportunity to have an impact on Nova Scotia's development of accessibility standards in the built environment may be of interest to you or members of your organization, colleagues and other contacts in the following sectors: architecture, assistive devices, building code compliance, building construction, building contractor, building inspection, engineering, interior design, municipal government, planning, private business (including the restaurant industry), or private landlord.

The application deadline is January 17, 2019. For more information on the committee and to apply, please visit novascotia.ca/accessibility/built-environment/

Applicants must have demonstrated experience and expertise identifying, preventing, and removing barriers to accessibility in the built environment, and may be:

- Persons with disabilities or representatives of organizations that represent persons with disabilities
- Representatives from sectors impacted by the standards, such as the municipal, construction and business sectors

Applications are also open for membership on the **Education Standard Development Committee**, which will make recommendations on provincial accessibility standards for public and private early childhood, primary, secondary, and post-secondary education. **For more information on that committee, please visit novascotia.ca/accessibility/education-committee/** [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

[A New Funding Stream for the Low Carbon Economy Challenge is Launched](#)

The Government of Canada recently launched the Partnerships stream of the Low Carbon Economy Challenge, the second stream of this major federal climate mitigation-funding program. This follows the Champions stream which is now closed. Successful applicants to the Champions stream will be notified in the coming weeks.

The Partnerships stream will provide \$50 million in funding for projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and generate clean growth. This fund is limited to applications from Indigenous communities and organizations, small and medium-sized businesses (less than 500 employees), not-for-profit organizations, and small municipalities (populations of less than 100,000). Final applications will be due March 8, 2019.

For more information about the Low Carbon Economy Challenge, including specific eligibility criteria, please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/low-carbon-economy-fund/challenge.html>.

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[Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation Seeks Two Candidates for MFC Board of Directors](#)

The Municipal Finance Corporation requires two NSFM representatives to sit on the MFC Board of Directors.

If interested in applying to the MFC Board, please review process below. **Application deadline is January 16, 2019.**

Mandate: To provide long term capital financing for municipalities and municipal enterprises. The Corporation has the authority to provide funding to school boards and hospitals. The Board of Directors is responsible for managing the affairs of the Corporation.

Preferred Qualifications: Knowledge and experience in one or more of the following areas: financial background in debt markets, investments and municipal finance, an understanding of client needs, experience in the role of director of a corporation, an ability to demonstrate good judgement and sound decision making skills.

Length of Term: Three years

Time Commitment: Eight(8) meetings a year. On occasion there may be a need for a conference call which would be issue specific and shorter in length.

Location of Meetings: Meetings take place via teleconference or in Halifax.

Meeting Expenses: MFC pays \$100.00 per day plus expenses.

Application Process: Email application to Tracy Verbeke at tverbeke@nsfm.ca. Include a cover letter and resumé outlining preferred qualifications.

Application Deadline: January 16, 2019

Selection Process: The NSFM Board will select up to three candidates from the applications received. The three names will be submitted to the Municipal Affairs Minister who will then submit one of the three names to the Executive Council for representation on the MFC Board.

For Additional Information: <http://www.nsmfc.ca/> [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

[Nova Scotia Municipal Finance Corporation's Quarterly Newsletter](#)

Click [here](#) to view Municipal Finance Corporation's December Newsletter [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

[NSFM Appoints Chief Executive Officer, Juanita Spencer](#)

Click [here](#) to view NSFM's Press Release on the Appointment of NSFM Chief Executive Officer, Juanita Spencer. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

TD Green Space Grants Program

Applications are now being accepted for the new TD Green Space Grants program, a collaboration of TD and the Arbor Day Foundation aimed at supporting vibrant, sustainable, and healthy North American cities through the strategic development and enhancement of green spaces and natural areas.

TD Green Space Grants will offer up to \$450,000 to North American municipalities in support of creative programs and projects that use green infrastructure development, tree planting, forestry stewardship, and community green space expansion as a way to advance environmental and economic benefits toward a low-carbon economy. The 2019 theme for the program is, "**Innovations in Park-Based Green Infrastructure.**"

Funding can go towards the purchase of trees, tree planting and maintenance, green infrastructure, education, and training opportunities. All projects must take place in areas of great need within an eligible community. The maximum amount of each grant request is \$20,000 in the USA and \$25,000 in Canada. No more than 50% of the total project funding can be designated for new trees.

Municipalities and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to partner on this project, however, preference will be given to applicants based in the community where the project is taking place. **Grant applications will be accepted until January 31, 2019.** Learn more at TDGreenSpaceGrants.com or start your application today!

Questions? - email TDGreenSpaceGrants@arborday.org. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

Update on ExxonMobil's Sable Energy Project

On Monday, December 31, all production from the Sable Offshore Energy Project (SOEP) was permanently shutdown. Please see our weekly activity report <https://www.cnsopb.ns.ca/offshore-activity/weekly-activity-reports>

The end of production from all SOEP fields as of this date aligns with planned decommissioning and abandonment activities for the project.

Well plugging and decommissioning activities will continue throughout 2019. Further updates will be provided on key milestones related to the decommissioning and abandonment activities for SOEP as they happen.

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Registration is Now Open for NSFM's Workshop on Integrating Climate Considerations into Asset Management Planning in Middleton*

DATE: Thursday, January 24, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

SNOW DATE: Thursday, January 31 (in case we need to reschedule due to weather)

LOCATION: NSCC Campus, 295 Commercial Street, Middleton

COST: \$115 (includes all workshop materials, refreshments and lunch)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, January 21, 2019

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Decision makers, administrative and technical staff, and elected officials

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW: The purpose of this workshop is to help municipalities incorporate climate risks into their asset management planning practices. NSFM is working with a local group – ClimAction Services – to offer the workshop, which is aimed at enhancing local asset management practices by providing municipalities with the information and tools they need to include climate considerations into their long-term infrastructure planning. Doing so will help position municipalities to take the necessary steps to proactively adapt their assets to climate risks.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE:

- ***How Your MCCAP Can Inform Asset Management Planning:*** How to utilize the results of your Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP) to inform climate change integration into asset management
- ***Asset Management and Climate Change Considerations:*** What is asset management? Why is important for municipalities to incorporate change considerations into their asset management planning efforts?
- ***Tools to Integrate Climate Change Consideration into Asset Management Planning:*** A variety of tools, approaches and methods will be provided to help inform the development of asset management frameworks that help ensure infrastructure is resilient to our changing climate.
- ***A Proposed Process for Integrating Climate Change Considerations into Asset Management Planning:*** A six-step approach will be presented for discussion and refinement.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The registration deadline is **Monday, January 21**. To reserve a spot, please contact NSFAM at info@nsfm.ca. When you register, please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions and we will do our best to accommodate you.

If you would like more information about the workshop, please contact Debbie at NSFAM (902-423-8312 or dnielsen@nsfm.ca).

* Please Note: This is the new date for the workshop that was originally scheduled for Nov. 28th. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

These workshops are offered through the Municipal Asset Management Program which is delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and funded by the Government of Canada.



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Atlantic Conference on Public Administration

The Atlantic Conference on Public Administration (ACPA) is an annual graduate student-organized conference held by the Dalhousie University School of Public Administration. ACPA is a platform for attendees to share, learn, discuss, and connect on relevant issues impacting our communities and regions. I am excited to announce the opening for registration to this year's conference, themed: **Innovation for a Healthier Atlantic Canada**, which will be held **January 24-25, 2019**.

The Conference has three sub-themes that will be explored over the two days of the Conference: Healthy Economy, Healthy Communities, and Healthy People. We are also excited to announce the Honourable Scott Brison, Member of Parliament for Kings-Hants, President of the Treasury Board, and Minister of Digital Government, as our Key Note speaker for Thursday.

You can find out more about our program on our website at <https://acpa-caap.com/program-theme>.

Registration pricing options are divided by organization type, with discounted pricing options for non-governmental organizations and students. We value having a broad range of expertise and viewpoints at ACPA and encourage you and your organization to register for the conference!

You can find the registration link, as well as information about the conference and this year's program, at our website: <https://acpa-caap.com/>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Burton at acpa-caap@dal.ca. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

Save the Date for AIM Network's Upcoming Asset Management Webinar: Tuesday, February 12, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

AIM Network is hosting a free webinar to share lessons and experience from municipalities involved in its asset management cohort program. A speaker from each cohort will present the roadmap they developed following their first workshop and share the first steps they are taking to make progress in asset management. Stay tuned for a link to register (which will be provided in AIM Network's next bi-weekly newsletter). [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)



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