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# MUNICIPAL MATTERS—

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### Claim Case Studies and Legislation—from Frank Cowan Company Limited

Frank Cowan Company Limited has provided the NSFM with a Claim Case Study: Martin v. Barrie (City)—Snow Slide Injury at a Winter Festival. Click [here](#) to view the Case. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

### Federal Infrastructure Investments Strengthening Nova Scotia's Communities

Infrastructure Canada developed an update on how the *Investing in Canada Plan* is benefitting Nova Scotian communities from the Government of Canada's historic investments in public infrastructure. Click [here](#) for more information. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

The Recreational Trail Expansion Grant Program 2019-2020 is now accepting applications.

The program provides funding to community groups, municipalities, Mi'kmaq Band Councils, and 'not-for-profit' organizations to develop new trails, expand recreational trails, and capital upgrades to existing trails in order to increase opportunities for Nova Scotians to recreate in the outdoors and connect with nature.

The guidelines for the Recreational Trail Expansion Grant program can be found at <https://cch.novascotia.ca/trail-funding-programs>. The deadline to apply is **March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019**.

If you want to discuss the Recreational Trails Expansion Grant program contact Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage Trails Consultant, Steve Vines at [steve.vines@novascotia.ca](mailto:steve.vines@novascotia.ca), 902-396-1325. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

### [Request for Feedback on Resolution Process](#)

NSFM is interested in your feedback on the resolution process.

As you will recall, in November 2018, NSFM members voted for resolutions on the CAP, EPR, roads, increased funding for municipalities, and municipal modernization. NSFM is actively working on these top five resolutions throughout the 2019 calendar year. You can see these resolutions online [here](#). We are also monitoring all of the [issues of concern](#) that you identified for potential opportunities for action.

The process of identifying our resolutions takes months of consultation with our members. This year it will begin with five regional meetings in the spring to identify issues. These issues will be researched and developed throughout the summer, with more regional meetings in the fall to refine them before voting at the Fall AGM. To ensure the process is effective and accurately reflects the issues our members are facing, we are asking for your feedback on the process.

Based on your experience from last year, please send your written comments to Will at [wbrooke@nsfm.ca](mailto:wbrooke@nsfm.ca). We appreciate and look forward to hearing from you. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

### [Reminder to Respond to 2018 Recommendation on Council Compensation Adjustments](#)

NSFM would like to know whether or not your municipality has made any changes in response to these new tax rules. Responses are due by **March 29, 2019**. Click [here](#) for more information. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

### [Save the Date—Atlantic Asset Management Conference—September 5-6, 2019](#)

#### **“PIECING IT ALL TOGETHER: AWARENESS TO IMPLEMENTATION”**

After a successful 2018 Atlantic-wide Asset Management Conference inaugural conference in Moncton, the Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network is excited to be planning the *second Atlantic Asset Management Conference, September 5-6, 2019*, at the beautiful *Sheraton Hotel* in *St. John's, NL*.

At the conference you can expect insightful and real-life experience and examples of approaches to asset management from municipalities across Atlantic Canada, as well as inspiring keynotes, workshops, provincial and national updates and more.

If you have topics or case studies you would like to see or share, AIM Network want to hear from you! Email the details to [info@aimnetwork.ca](mailto:info@aimnetwork.ca). Watch for a call for presentations coming soon and check for regular updates on AIM Network's website at [www.aimnetwork.ca](http://www.aimnetwork.ca), where you can also access all the 2018 presentations. ([Click here to return to top.](#))



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