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CNSOPB Update: Call for Bids NS18-3 Written Comments Summary

The Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) issued Call for Bids NS18-3, which includes two industry-nominated parcels, on December 10, 2018. The CNSOPB administers the Call for Bids process on behalf of the federal and provincial governments for the Canada-Nova Scotia offshore area. This includes identifying Call for Bids Forecast Areas, selecting yearly Call for Bids parcels, reviewing industry nominations, receiving and reviewing bids, and awarding Exploration Licences (ELs). The issuance of a Call for Bids and the award of ELs are both subject to a federal and provincial Ministerial review and approval process as set out in legislation.

The annual Call for Bids process gives oil and gas companies the opportunity to bid on parcels of Crown land, and, if successful, be awarded an EL. EL holders may apply to the CNSOPB to explore for oil and gas, but no activity can take place without authorization.

As the regulator of the Canada-Nova Scotia offshore, we recognize that in carrying out our regulatory processes, it is important to engage with Indigenous groups and the public. An opportunity to submit written comments specific to the areas included in Call for Bids NS18-3 was provided from December 10, 2018 to February 8, 2019. These comments have now been uploaded to the Call For Bids website and can be found here: <https://callforbids.ca/written-comments>.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sadie Toulany by email at: stoulany@cnsopb.ns.ca or by phone at: 902-240-3598. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

Consolidation of the Town of Windsor and Municipality of West Hants
<https://www.strongerregion.ca/>

This website contains excellent information on the consolidation of the Town of Windsor and the Municipality of West Hants. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

FCM Webinar on Barriers for Women in Local Government

Toward Parity in Municipal Politics is one of FCMs newest projects focusing on increasing women's participation and diversity in the municipal sector. The project is implemented in partnership with the Provincial and Territorial Municipal Associations, Equal Voice and the Canadian Women's Foundation.

Announced by Minister Monsef on November 5th, 2018, [Toward Parity](#) is a 30-month initiative, aimed at addressing some of the systemic barriers faced by women and diverse populations in the municipal sector.

FCM is conducting a variety of consultations with members, stakeholders and champions as a first step in the process. These consultations range from small focus group discussions to wider membership webinars. They will serve to gain insight, a range of perspectives and input on concrete solutions that would inform our national action plan.

NSFM has been actively collaborating with FCM on this file and our members have been invited to attend the Nova Scotia Regional focus group Webinar.

When: March 27, 2019, from 10 :30am - noon

To register:

<https://fcmwebinars.webex.com/fcmwebinars/onstage/g.php?MTID=ecf801d2f734d66340a91ec7310ddd662> ([Click here to return to top.](#))

Housing Survey

As part of the National Housing Strategy, Housing Nova Scotia invites municipalities to help shape the Province's new Action Plan. Until March 14, 2019, you are invited to provide your thoughts and opinions through an online survey or by sending a written statement via email at HousingNS@novascotia.ca. For municipalities that wish to further discuss their housing challenges, Housing Nova Scotia would be pleased to meet with your municipal council upon request.

Your responses will help Housing Nova Scotia better understand municipal concerns regarding affordable housing and homelessness across the province, as well as identify potential areas of intervention. Completing the online survey should only take 10 minutes of your time.

This consultation is part of our continuous efforts to create vibrant communities and better meet the needs of our citizens through strategic partnerships and collaboration. While we recognize that housing is a provincial responsibility, we believe municipalities can be part of the solution. We welcome the Province's ongoing commitment to meaningful consultation on this important issue.

Please take some time to respond to this survey. Be assured that all answers you provide will be kept in the strictest of confidence. For the benefit of our members, Housing Nova Scotia has agreed to share aggregate results from this survey at our Spring Workshop, in May 2019, in Truro.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Mr. Stephan Richard via email at stephan.richard@novascotia.ca or by phone at (902) 424-7099.

Please click on the link below to begin.

<https://surveys.gov.ns.ca/LoginCode.aspx?PageNumber=1&SurveyID=7119nlK&>

Thank you for your participation. ([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. Watch for a call for presentations coming soon and check for regular updates on AIM Network's website at www.aimnetwork.ca, where you can also access all the 2018 presentations. ([Click here to return to top.](#))



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