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Municipalities in Motion – Local Governments Learn and Work Together on Shared Priorities at NSFM’s Annual Spring Conference

Truro, May 6, 2019 – Municipal government leaders from across the province are meeting in Truro this week at the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) annual Spring Conference.

The three-day conference on May 8-10, is an opportunity for members to come together, learn from subject matter experts, exchange best practices, and discuss opportunities for the future. This year’s topics will focus on several current and emerging issues including climate change, affordable housing, physician recruitment and accessibility.

“We are thrilled to be welcoming Rick Hansen, of the Rick Hansen Foundation, as a special guest speaker”, says Wayne Mason, President of NSFM. “Mr. Hansen is probably best known for his Man in Motion tour but now works with his team at the Foundation to raise awareness about accessibility, inclusion, and the potential for people with disabilities”.

The timing of Mr. Hansen’s visit is particularly pertinent for NSFM members given provincial legislation on accessibility that was introduced in 2017. Under this legislation, municipalities are required to adopt specific standards as they work with other levels of government to make Nova Scotia accessible for all by 2030.

“While provincial standards are still being developed, Mr. Hansen will be able to help our members better understand what accessible and inclusive means and what municipalities can do to support their communities and their residents”, says Mason.

NSFM organizes two large events each year for members. The Fall Conference, held in November, is where members vote on their top priorities for the coming year. These priorities form the focus of NSFM’s main advocacy efforts on behalf of all 50 municipalities.

For more information on the Spring Conference, visit <https://www.nsfm.ca/2019-nsfm-spring-conference.html>

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About NSFM: The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) has been the collective voice for municipal governments across the province since 1906. With 379 members comprising mayors, wardens and councillors, NSFM represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within provincial jurisdiction. Members include all 50 of Nova Scotia’s municipalities.

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