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Municipalities Find United Voice Through NSFM Resolution Process

Halifax, April 18, 2019 – Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) members from HRM and the South Shore are gathering for the fourth of five regional meetings in Tantallon later today.

The April meetings officially start the eight-month long resolution process where municipalities identify areas of concern that are impacting their communities. Members meet again in November at the organization's annual Fall Conference to vote on their top five priorities. Those priorities form the basis of NSFM's advocacy efforts for the coming year.

NSFM President, Waye Mason, explained "April's regional meetings provide a forum for municipalities to come together and prioritize the policies, initiatives and resources that will enable them to be more effective. Ultimately, we want to see strong and sustainable communities governed by local governments that work together with our federal and provincial partners."

NSFM has already met with members from the South Western Shore, Cape Breton – Strait Area and Colchester/Cumberland/Pictou/East Hants regions.

NSFM will be in Kentville on April 29th for the final meeting with members from the Valley region.

"Coming together in these meetings lets us leverage the collective weight of municipalities to advocate for their interests with strategic partners at other levels of government", Mason said. "They also help us maximize the quality of local government by educating elected officials about the progress of our current initiatives, and by providing opportunities for shared learning through networking among municipalities."

NSFM's 2018-2019 priorities are: reform of the CAP, Extended Producer Responsibility for consumer packaging, new sources for municipal funding, modernization of municipal governance, and a new funding model for roads.

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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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