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Municipalities Find United Voice Through NSFM Resolution Process

Victoria County, April 5, 2019 – In its second of five regional meetings, representatives from the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) will be in St. Ann’s, Cape Breton on Monday, April 8th to meet with their members as part of their annual member engagement series. Municipalities from the Cape Breton and Strait Area will gather at the Gaelic College hosted by Victoria County.

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 organizations 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 effective. Ultimately, we want to see strong and sustainable communities governed by local governments that work together with our federal and provincial partners.”

NSFM kicked off their regional meetings with members in the South Western Shore on April 5th in Yarmouth.

Other meetings planned include:

- Colchester, Cumberland, Pictou, and East Hants Area – April 15th
- South Shore and HRM Area – April 18th
- Valley Area – April 29th

“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 between municipalities.”

NSFM’s 2018-2019 five 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.

matters that fall within provincial jurisdiction. Members include all 50 of Nova Scotia's municipalities.

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