

## ABOUT THE NSFM?

The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities is a non-profit organization established under provincial legislation to represent the interests of municipal governments across Nova Scotia. Established in 1906 as the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, the NSFM membership includes 379 elected officials from all 50 municipalities.

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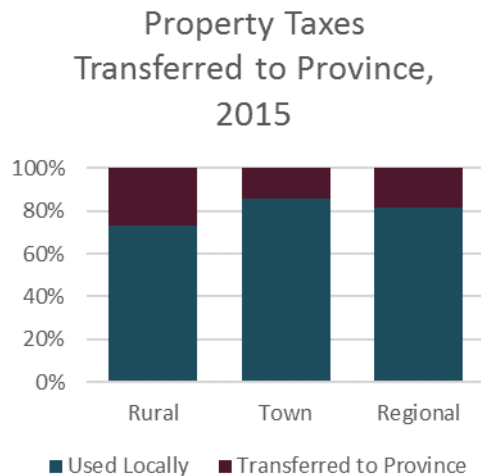
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## NSFM ADVOCACY

NSFM works to enable effective local government for Nova Scotia's communities by facilitating strategic advocacy, collaboration and education.

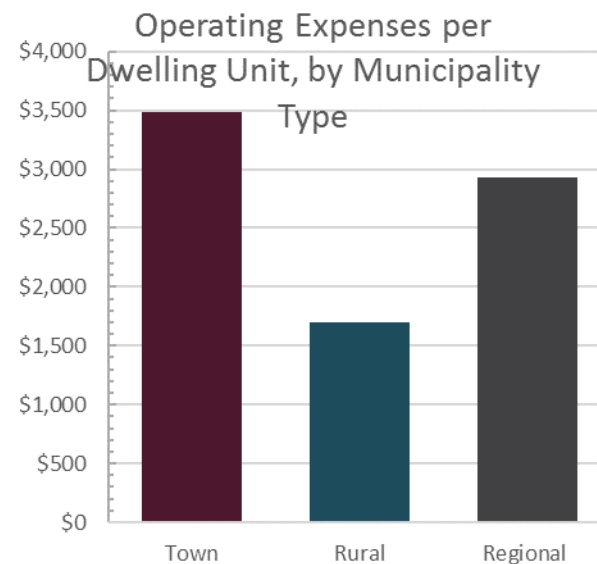
NSFM's Advocacy work begins with a formal process designed to engage all municipalities in establishing priorities. These priorities are analyzed and discussed amongst our members to determine the appropriate courses of action. Those requiring provincial action are debated as resolutions, and the top resolutions are forwarded to the province.

The Partnership Framework between NSFM and the Department of Municipal Affairs sets out a formal process for working together, and through this process a joint workplan is developed. We are currently working together on Roads, Internet and Connectivity, Physician Recruitment, CAP and Municipal Funding (2017 Resolutions).



## We Need to Work Together to Improve the Daily Lives of Nova Scotians

- Local governments provide basic services necessary for the economy to run, and for people to want to stay in their communities, but only receive ten cents of every tax dollar.
- One out of every five dollars in property taxes goes to the province.
- The province provides \$53 million/year in transfers to assist in the ongoing operations of municipalities.
- Property taxes, especially for towns, are becoming out of reach for many Nova Scotians.
- Municipalities of today are expected to do more – we need to be a full partner with the province and we need action.



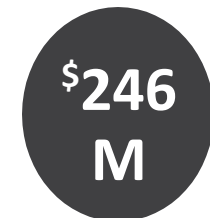
## MUNICIPAL FACTS



OPERATING EXPENSES



PROPERTY TAXES



PROPERTY TAXES TRANSFERRED TO THE PROVINCE