



March 1, 2022

Mayor Amanda McDougall, President
Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
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Sent via email: ammcdougall@cbrm.ns.ca

President McDougall,

We are in receipt of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) member dues renewal invoice. Following receipt of this invoice we reached out to Ms. Spencer to request information around the rate increases; these increases for East Hants have been 41% from 2019 to 2022 with a 14% increase this year over last. Thank you to Ms. Spencer for her response.

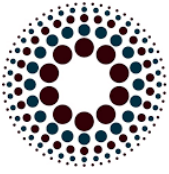
East Hants Council expressed concern at their February 23rd meeting around dues, transparency and NSFM's accountability to its members. As we are accountable to our taxpayer to understand our costs, we respectfully request that the NSFM provide its members with communication around the drivers of any future increases.

We thank the NSFM for it's work and look forward to a continued relationship.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eleanor Roulston".

Eleanor Roulston
Warden, Municipality of East Hants
Cc: NSFM Membership



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February 15, 2022

Municipality of East Hants
15 Commerce Court
Elmsdale, NS B2S 3K5

Delivered via email

Dear Warden Roulston,

RE: NSFM Membership Dues

I am writing to inform council that during the 2021 budget process, the NSFM Board of Directors authorized an increase to our membership dues. The purpose of the change was to accommodate a new staff position and to transition another position to full-time. The board agreed that the increase would be spread over two years with a portion of the cost coming from our surplus in year one to minimize the impact on our members.

Over the past three years, NSFM has worked to increase our capacity to assist our membership with their objectives. We look back on successes such as securing Safe Restart Funding, expanded Code of Conduct legislation, and the pending introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility for Printed Paper and Packaging. With additional capacity, we look forward to a productive year including:

- Structuring our organization for advocacy in the 21st century
- Being engaged with the province in Service Exchange/MOU negotiations
- Expanding our value-added membership services
- Optimizing our current group health and benefits, municipal insurance, and procurement programs
- Helping municipalities lead in local infrastructure, asset management, and climate change mitigation projects

We understand that municipal councils must be responsible stewards of funds and thank you for this opportunity to explain recent changes to membership dues.

Kind regards,

Juanita Spencer
CEO, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities