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NSFM Announces Launch of Provincial Election Dashboard

July 22, 2021 - KJIPUKTUK (HALIFAX) – Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities is hopeful that candidates in the provincial election are engaged with the concerns of municipalities. NSFM has created an [Election Dashboard](#) for members where updates and information will be available for the duration of the four-week campaign.

Local elected officials are best suited to understand the needs of their communities. Our members have identified the following as issues of primary importance for our provincial partners:

Housing: Quality, affordable housing is a priority. Before moving forward, the new government must engage with municipalities to review the recommendations of the Affordable Housing Commission that have the potential to impact communities.

Municipal Funding: Increasing accessibility is a goal shared by municipalities across the province. Our members are concerned that the requirements laid out in the provincial Accessibility Act are accompanied by funding support.

Environment (Extended Producer Responsibility): NSFM has provided issue and stakeholder research on the benefits of making producers responsible for printed paper and packaging. The new government must introduce legislation so Nova Scotians can join the 80 per cent of Canadians already living in areas with EPR.

Climate Change: Municipalities need funding and supports to assist with the impacts of projected changes in our climate. The new government must also work with municipalities to update Municipal Climate Change Action Plans.

“We’re excited to offer information and resources to our members about this coming provincial election. It’s important to have a positive working relationship between provincial and local government, by keeping an open dialogue we contribute to the success of our shared priorities”

Mayor Sandra Snow, NSFM Towns Caucus Representative

NSFM is the legislated collective voice of all 49 municipalities in Nova Scotia. Every three years, our membership is polled to select the top five issues of concern for all municipalities in the province. [Learn more about our resolutions here.](#)

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