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The aftermath of Hurricane Dorian has exposed Nova Scotians to the costs of new weather extremes.

When disaster strikes, local governments are on the front lines of climate change.

That's why NSFAM is creating new content for its online course, the *Basics of Asset Management for Elected Officials*.

The expanded coursework includes a new module on integrating climate considerations into long-term asset management plans.

"It's very new to consider climate change as part of the asset management process," says NSFAM President Pam Mood, the Mayor of the Town of Yarmouth.

"Although many municipalities understand the importance of including climate risks in their infrastructure plans, they lack the tools to get it done."

The new content will help municipalities create awareness and develop a framework and guidelines.

Thanks to a grant from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, NSFAM will develop the new program with a launch date this year.

So far, the courses have been taken by dozens of municipal reps from Yarmouth to Sydney.

This initiative is offered through the Municipal Asset Management Program, which is delivered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and funded by the Government of Canada.

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