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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

2024 NSFM FALL CONFERENCE

Book your accommodations for NSFM Fall Conference

The NSFM Conference will be held from November 26th – 29th at the Westin Hotel in Halifax. [To Learn More](#) and [Book your accommodations now!](#)

Host Conference Hotel – [The Westin Nova Scotian Hotel](#)

The block of rooms is now available for booking at the Westin. Our accommodations are in high demand and the room block will fill quickly. The Westin will hold the block until November 1st, 2024.

NSFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Nominate Your Leaders: Insights from Current Board Members

The 2024 Nominations Committee is now accepting nominations for key leadership positions within the NSFM Board of Directors: **President**, **Vice President**, and **Regional Representatives** for each [NSFM Electoral Region](#). [Click here](#) for more information and the [Nomination Form](#).

Nominations will be accepted until November 1.

Watch as [Belle Hatfield](#) and [Paul Russell](#) current Board members, share their experiences and discuss the crucial work being done to shape the future of our municipalities.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Things To Know Before You Run For Municipal Office in 2024

Thinking about running for municipal office this year? NSFM has you covered! We've developed a comprehensive tool designed to help prospective candidates understand what it takes to serve their communities effectively. [Click Here](#).

2024 LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Apply Now for the 2024 Long Service Awards

NSFM is pleased to continue the **Long Service Awards Program**, recognizing dedication to municipal service, honouring commitment and dedication of elected officials who have served on Council for a minimum of ten years, and celebrating the invaluable contributions of leaders across several categories (10 plus to 40 plus years of service).

- Each award will only be presented once per category
- Awards will no longer be presented at the NSFM conference
- Award certificates will be prepared and sent to respective municipalities for local presentation
- To recognize eligible elected officials complete [THIS FORM](#)
- **Deadline for form submission: September 6**
- Note: NSFM does not keep records of years of service; recognition certificates will be based on the forms received

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

 Sustainable Communities
Challenge Fund



Threats to Community Groundwater Resources in Nova Scotia

Dalhousie Coastal Hydrology is hosting a symposium, which is a project is supported by the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund.

Date: Thursday September 19th 2024

Time: 8:45am to 3:30pm

Location: Saint Mary's Boat Club - 1641 Fairfield Road, Halifax, NS

Accessibility Plan Resources Available

Information to support the process of updating your organization's accessibility plan are available from the [Accessibility Directorate](#). Updating your Accessibility Plan: A Toolkit for Prescribed Public Sector Bodies provides guidance around meeting planning requirements through the Accessibility Act and includes ideas for your revision process. This toolkit is a guide meant to give helpful advice related to the various steps of the planning process. Other resources available:

- The Role of your Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Community Engagement
- Additional Resources for Updating Accessibility Plans
- To access the toolkit and related resources, click [here](#)
- More information: accessibility@novascotia.ca

Reminder: The comment period for the proposed Methane Reduction Regulations (Waste Sector) closes on August 28

Environment and Climate Change Canada invites you to [review the proposed regulations](#) and submit your comments using the online system by **11:59 pm EST on August 28**. Thank you to those who have already contributed. For more details, including the webinar slides and recording, visit the [public consultation webpage](#).

Net-Zero Research Opportunity for Small Communities

[QUEST Canada](#) is researching the motivations and barriers to net-zero in rural and remote communities under 30,000 population. Participants must provide access to energy and climate plans and join interviews and a workshop.

Contact Gemma Pinchin: gpinchin@questcanada.org

Invitation to Community Group Leaders

The Nova Scotia Guard invites community group leaders to join one of three online information sessions to learn about collaborating during emergencies. The sessions will cover the Guard's role, how community groups can contribute, and registration details. **Registration is required. Session Dates:**

- September 12: [Register here](#)
- September 19: [Register here](#)
- September 26: [Register here](#)

NEWS

[CBRM councillor calls for more transparent expense reporting system](#)
[Halifax Transit fare increase 'disappointing,' advocate says](#)
[N.S. fire departments to receive encrypted radio systems](#)
[N.S. government spends \\$2.3 million on funding for municipal projects](#)
[Town of Antigonish warning of tires getting punctured downtown](#)

FUNDING

Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The NSFM Funding Database is a centralized resource dedicated to our members to help find municipal funding opportunities. A monthly funding update will also be communicated, outlining deadlines and information sessions. Click [here](#) to see the latest updates on the Municipal Funding Database.

- [Atlantic Salmon Conservation](#) now open
- [New Horizons for Seniors Program- Community-Based Projects](#) now open
- [National Housing Strategy Demonstrations Initiative](#) now open
- [Clean Fuels Fund](#) extended until 2029-30. RFPs anticipated by end of 2024
- Canada Public Transit Fund streams:
 - [Metro-Region Agreements](#) (Open for EOI)
 - [Baseline Funding](#) (Open for EOI)
- [Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program](#) has re-opened
 - Information sessions available
- [Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Program](#) has re-opened

FCM Funding Opportunities

FCM has you covered with the right type of project funding. Grants are available for planning, studies, and pilot projects. Loans are available for capital projects and most recipients receive an additional grant of up to 15% of their loan amount [More information](#).

PROGRAMS

NSFM/Canoe Facility Assessment

With diverse operations in multiple regions and locations, effectively managing your physical assets can sometimes seem overwhelming. With expert-approved suppliers, the [NSFM/Canoe Facility Assessment Program](#) provides the asset management expertise you need to operate efficiently. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Emergency Preparedness Solutions

The [NSFM/Canoe Traffic Supply Program](#) enables municipalities to partner with major traffic sign suppliers, such as ATS, for emergencies before disaster strikes.

[more](#) about how emergency preparedness solutions can support your organization's efforts by customizing cost-effective emergency response solutions to the specific risks associated with your community. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

NSFM/Canoe MRO Supply

Nuts and bolts. Hammers and wrenches. Safety goggles and construction wear. Cleaning supplies and sanitation solutions. Maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO) supplies are diverse and widely used throughout nearly every corner of nearly every organization. With great suppliers offering enormous catalogues, the NSFM/Canoe MRO Program gets you access to what you need. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

[MRO Supply Program - Canoe Procurement Group of Canada](#)

Insurance Tips: Understanding Your Policy

Did you know that you can receive exclusive insurance discounts on your **personal home and auto insurance** through BrokerLink's group insurance program? BrokerLink is proud to provide quality insurance products, expertise, and solutions to our sector. Their dedicated group insurance advisors will compare your coverage options and help get you the most comprehensive coverage at the best value. [More information.](#)

Reviewing and understanding an insurance contract is very important. As an insured, you should have a clear grasp on how your insurance policies work and what they contain. Whether buying personal or business insurance, there are a few key reasons why understanding your policy is necessary. Please refer to our [Tips on Deciphering Your Insurance Policy.](#)

Park'N Fly Discount

The **NSFM/Park'N Fly Discount Program** is now available for elected municipal leaders and municipal staff within the broader municipal sector. Under this program, you can receive an exclusive discount on the services of Park'N Fly for business or leisure travel at their Halifax Stanfield International Airport location and at six other locations across Canada.

With a network that spans coast-to-coast, Park'N Fly is focused on providing customers with cost-effective parking options while enjoying a park happy experience every stay. Reserve your next stay and save. Plus, earn valuable Aeroplan points on every eligible stay. **Park'N Fly offers a discount of up to 20% on airport parking.** [More information](#)

WEBINARS

HR OnCall: Recording

Did you miss our webinar on **HR OnCall**? NSFM in partnership with HR OnCall offers HR support for municipal units in Nova Scotia. This webinar discusses how you can access a dedicated team of professionals that can help guide you through the challenges of leading people and building an HR infrastructure with HR OnCall. This webinar also explains how the program works, how access works, and how you can benefit from HR guidance, expert consultation, reduce risk, gain peace of mind, and save time and money. [Click Here.](#)

EAP for Elected Officials: Recording

Did you miss the recent webinar presented by NSFM and AMANS on the **EAP for Elected Officials**? The webinar discussed how to access and navigate the programs and services offered and provided an overview of the new website and app. The program features an extensive number of tools and resources of benefit to elected leaders. You can view the webinar [here.](#)

Advisors, Vendors, and Education

Are you familiar with the Learning Development Supply Arrangement (LDSA) or Flextrack? Did you know that municipalities can take advantage of the province's standing offer for services in a variety of areas.

Need advice or expertise on topics such as DEI, mindfulness, decision making, or conflict management? The LDSA can provide you with a list of course information and available vendors that have an established standing offer with public service bodies.

Flextrack can provide a list of vendors for a variety of service areas which municipalities can contact and award either directly or through a statement of work process. Service areas include learning development, managed business services, and executive search.

Both of these initiatives are approved for use by public service bodies in NS. For more information, please contact staci.macaskill@novascotia.ca or visit [here.](#)

RESOURCES

The magazine for the **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities**

[Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The regional magazine for the **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities**



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