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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWS!

Advisory Committee Overview Guide

We are pleased to introduce the **Advisory Committee Overview**, a comprehensive guide designed to help you actively engage with our five advisory committees: Public Safety, Climate Change, Municipal Infrastructure, Municipal Autonomy, and Equity and Community Wellbeing. These committees play a crucial role in shaping how NSFM represents the interests of its members. [Click Here](#)

This practical how-to manual offers valuable insights into the objectives, functions, and collaborative opportunities within each committee. Crafted with the intent to **empower your council**, it aims to enable effective and meaningful contributions to NSFM's member-driven focus and advocacy goals.

INVITATION

Committee Membership Needed

The **Equity & Community Wellbeing Committee** has commenced its work. The Committee will provide opportunities for education and knowledge sharing among the membership related to the promotion of the voices of underrepresented individuals in local government and collaboration among diverse community stakeholders. Chaired by Councillor Alison Graham, the committee is looking for one additional elected official to join.

- Committees meet 4 times a year to review advocacy issues generated by the membership
- Terms of Reference are available
- Stay tuned for additional updates via our website, newsletter, and member communications

Have an interest in this Committee? Please forward your name and a background brief to imorrison@nsfm.ca **Deadline: February 29**

NEWS

[3 Shelburne County municipalities revive consolidation talks](#)

[Antigonish town and county councils vote in favour of consolidation](#)

[Lunenburg moves ahead with planning for up to 368 new homes](#)

[Policing bill for most recent street party near Dalhousie campus was \\$82K](#)

[Porters Lake sidewalk backlash may only be the beginning](#)

[Resilient home designs: consider the effects of climate change](#)

[Rural Cape Breton communities not immune to housing crisis](#)

[What's in a name? Why Nova Scotia has many duplicate place names](#)

FUNDING

Unleash Fiscal Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The **NSFM Funding Database** is centralized resource is 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.

[Low Carbon Economy Challenge](#) has a deadline of Feb 8

[Garden Grant Program](#) is now open, deadline March 1.

[EcoAction Community Funding Program](#) is now open, deadline March 22

Municipalities are encouraged to apply in partnership with community groups

[Civil Forfeiture Grant Program](#) is now open for continuous intake

[Festival and Community Event Development](#) program now open, deadline Feb 28

[Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#) remains open for continuous intake

[Research and Knowledge Initiative](#) (for housing strategies and research) is open for applications, deadline Feb 9

FCM Funding Opportunities

Stay up-to-date with funding opportunities through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). [Click here](#) to find more information.

Keep Your Municipality Rolling

From fleet to heavy equipment, and even including specialty uses, the **NSFM/Canoe Tire Program** has you covered for all your tire needs. Get quality, brand name tires for vehicles of any size, retread or brand new – all fully trade compliant and at the best pricing available in Canada. NSFM and Canoe are now partnering with **Kal Tire** to deliver excellent pricing and service. [Concerned about highcosts in your transit fleet?](#) The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

NSFM/Canoe Drone

The **NSFM/Canoe Drone Program** offers you access to innovative technology that can help you from the air, under water, and from other difficult-to-reach places. Procure uncrewed vehicles that can provide precise data collection, infrastructure inspection, maintenance, mapping, and modelling services with ease. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

[Learn about the NSFM/Canoe Drone Program](#)

New Supplier List

The **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program** provides a wide range of procurement options to our membership. This is the latest [list of both new suppliers to the program as well as recently renewed contracts with current suppliers](#). Approved suppliers are selected through an open RFP process that follows a successful proposal evaluation and contract award. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Do you need help finding cost-effective products and services and would you like to learn more about using [Canoe Procurement](#)?

Canoe Procurement is a program partner of the NSFM.

Launch: Preferred Insurance Rates for Elected Leaders & Staff

NSFM is pleased to launch the following program for elected municipal leaders and municipal staff.

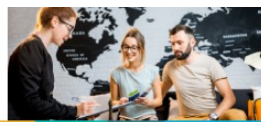
Did you know that you can receive exclusive insurance discounts on your **personal home and auto insurance** through BrokerLink's group insurance program? BrokerLink is proud to provide quality insurance products, expertise, and solutions to our sector. Their dedicated group insurance advisors will compare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

[Click here](#) to learn about the program benefits and how BrokerLink can provide you with a free, no-obligations insurance quote. Thinking about travelling soon? [Travel Tips & Insurance](#).

BrokerLink is a program partner of the NSFM.



Travel Tips and Insurance



WEBINARS

Introduction to Canoe & Grainger

Learn more about the **NSFM/Canoe MRO Supply Program** and **Safety Equipment Program** with our partner **Grainger**. Some facts about Grainger:

- Canada's largest distributor of industrial, safety, and fastener products
- 500,000 active products online across 32 categories
- \$230 million in inventory across our distribution network
- 2 million maintenance, repair, and operating (MRO) products
- over 30 million products through its expanding Endless Assortment offering
- strategically located branches, including a large location in Dartmouth
- comprehensive [webstore](#)

Grainger has the capability of servicing Nova Scotia communities with consistency and unparalleled product availability. Keep your municipal unit working and your people safe with services, solutions, technical support, and inventory management designed to provide value and save time and money.

The Canoe Procurement Group of Canada simplifies the way that you would make your purchases. This webinar refresher will also demonstrate how the Canoe program works, how it can provide you and your team with time and cost savings, and how you can access the services of Grainger.

Audience: Procurement, Public Works, Safety Directors, Fire Department leads
February 7 2:00-3:00 pm (AST) [Register Here](#)

Recording: Connecting Climate & Biodiversity

Joanna Eyquem, **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation**, recently presented on the topic of Connecting Climate and Biodiversity. The presentation discussed how municipalities are getting ready for the increase in extreme weather events. You can listen to the webinar [here](#).

COURSES

Accessibility Foundations Train the Trainer

The Accessibility Foundations Train the Trainer program includes a 2-module, live, facilitated, virtual workshop series based on foundational accessibility and disability topics. Note, you must attend both modules to graduate as a trainer. If you are part of a previous Train the Trainer cohort but did not complete both modules, we invite you to sign up for the module you need to complete the course.

[Register for Workshop #1](#): Monday, February 26, 1:00 – 4:00pm

[Register for Workshop #2](#): Monday, March 4, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Please register and send any accessibility requirements by February 12th, 2024.

Send accessibility requirements or questions to: accessibility@novascotia.ca.

RESOURCES

[Winter Municipal Observer](#)

The magazine for the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

[Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The magazine for Atlantic Canadian municipalities



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