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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
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LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Deer Governance in Nova Scotia - Virtual Session

Join Tricia Fleming, Human-Wildlife Coexistence Biologist with the Department of Natural Resources, for an overview of deer-related issues facing municipalities.

The session will cover key topics including deer biology and behaviour, human-deer conflict, and strategies for developing a municipal deer governance approach. Participants will also learn about the respective roles of DNR and municipalities, data collection and management options, and where to find useful, NS-specific resources. This **free one-hour online session** is designed to help elected officials and staff better understand the tools and partnerships available to support effective local deer management. Tricia has been working in this role since December 2021 and is also a wildlife veterinarian.

- June 18 @ 12 Noon
- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- This session will not be recorded by request of the Department

2025 PHOTO CONTEST

NSFM is calling on all municipalities to showcase the beauty of their communities in the spring and summer seasons!

We're looking for stunning seasonal images to be potentially featured on the NSFM Website, across our Social Media Channels (LinkedIn, Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram, Bluesky), and in publications like *NSFM's Annual Report*, the *Municipal Observer*, and *Atlantic Municipal Magazine*.

How to Participate: Submit your best seasonal photos (hi-resolution/300dpi) by 4 pm on August 29 to: communication@nsfm.ca

All entries (1 per person) will be entered into a draw for 1 Free Registration to NSFM's Fall Conference, valued at \$750!

Show off the charm of your municipality and get a chance to win!

SURVEYS

Stormwater Management Projects – We Need Your Input

NSFM is gathering information on municipal stormwater management projects across Nova Scotia. If your municipality has completed, is undertaking, or is planning a stormwater-related project, we ask that you complete this short survey: [Click here](#).

Note: one response per municipality.

Your responses will help identify common challenges, innovative solutions, and opportunities for collaboration or funding support.

Deadline: June 30 - We appreciate your time and input.

NEWS

[Expert explainer: How to protect your home from wildfires](#)

[Halifax is the third worst city for traffic in Canada: TomTom](#)

[Halifax Regional Municipality closes Geary Street encampment site](#)

['Long overdue' dike land upgrades coming to rural N.S. community](#)

[Pictou County council votes to ask province to pause uranium plans](#)

[St. Peter's is getting a brand-new splash pad](#)

[Sustainable Prov Funding for Regional Libraries Raised at Port Hawkesbury Council](#)

[Work on Baddeck's waterfront begins](#)

FUNDING

WHAT CAN THE FUND NAVIGATOR DO FOR YOU?

- ✓ Review your application drafts
- ✓ Provide feedback and edits
- ✓ Help you craft competitive, well-informed applications

Get in touch to strengthen your funding proposals! 💡 📄

fundnavigator@nsfm.ca




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**.

- [Active Communities Fund](#) is open
- [Charged](#) EV program, first-come, first-served basis
- [Climate Ready Infrastructure Service](#) accepting projects for their free service
- **Resources**
 - [Grant Application Tips](#), a resource for positioning your project for success
 - HCl3 has developed a [guide to funding and financing deep retrofits](#)

Climate Ready Infrastructure Service Info Session

Upcoming Info Session | June 25, 12–1 PM

NSFM advises the membership that the **Climate Ready Infrastructure Service** is offering municipalities a **free** opportunity (valued at over **\$20,000**) to strengthen infrastructure through low-carbon resilience.

This national service supports climate-smart decision-making for municipal infrastructure projects. [Register now](#) to learn how your municipality can benefit.

FCM Funding Opportunities

FCM has you covered with the right type of project funding. Review the [grant page](#) for funding opportunities available for planning, studies, and pilot projects.

PROGRAMS

Grounds Maintenance

industry leaders to bring innovative solutions to your landscaping challenges. 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.**

Waste Management Equipment

The [NSFM/Canoe Waste Management Equipment Program](#) has partnered with leading manufacturers of innovative waste management vehicles and equipment. With a wide variety of suppliers to choose from, you will be able to find the products that meet your specific needs. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Insurance Tips: Spring Maintenance

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 of insurance advisors will compare your coverage options and help get you the most comprehensive coverage at the best value.

The season is changing and there is much to do to get ready for spring and summer. Please refer to our [Spring Maintenance Tips](#).

WEBINARS

Opportunity: Streamlined Print Solutions

NSFM and [Canoe Procurement Group](#) are pleased to partner with **Sharp Canada** and **Workplace Essentials** to host an informative one-hour webinar tailored for organizations looking to streamline their print solutions. Discover how to become a Canoe member (membership is free) and how your organization, as part of the broader municipal sector in NS, can access best-in-class Sharp multifunction copiers at exclusive, pre-negotiated pricing—saving time, money, and hassle. Learn how Workplace Essentials supports your print needs **locally** while maximizing the value of the Canoe Program. Don't miss this opportunity to see why Canoe pricing is the best in the market.

- July 17 @ 3:00 pm
- Register in advance [here](#)
- Questions: imorrison@nsfm.ca

operations and its role in public procurement, how suppliers can find opportunities with Canoe, details about Canoe's RFP process, compliance requirements, the benefits for both members and suppliers, and the support provided to approved suppliers post-contract award. Missed the webinar? The [recording](#) and [presentation slides](#) are now available to view.

RESOURCES

Summer Municipal Observer

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

Spring/Summer Atlantic Municipal Magazine

The magazine for the **Atlantic Region of Municipalities**



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