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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Community Health Boards (CHB) Launch New Five-Year Plan

Staff supporting Nova Scotia's 35 CHB are excited to share highlights from their newly released *Community Health Plans for 2025–2029*. Developed with input from over 6,700 Nova Scotians, the plans outline five key priorities:

- Access to affordable basics (food, housing, transportation)
- Active living and social connection
- Healthy natural and built environments
- Local access to services and supports
- Mental wellness

Join the CHB team for a virtual overview and learn how municipalities can support healthier, more connected communities.

- Wednesday July 16
- 12:00–1:00 PM ADT
- [Register here](#)

CALL FOR MUNICIPAL SUCCESS STORIES

Fresh Approaches to Community Engagement

Is your municipality trying something new to connect with your community? We're looking for creative, innovative, and practical ways municipalities are engaging residents—beyond the usual methods.

At our Fall Conference, NSFM is hosting a session on November 5 from 4–5 pm at the Westin, where we'll showcase three standout engagement success stories from across the province. We're looking for ideas that are affordable, adaptable, and offer a fresh take on community connection—approaches others can take home and try.

Let's share what's working—and inspire one another to think differently about how we engage our communities. If your municipality has a story to share, we want to hear it.

2025 PHOTO CONTEST

Share Your Municipality's Seasonal Photos!

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 Magazines*.

How to Participate: Submit your best seasonal photos (hi-resolution/300dpi) by 4 pm on Friday August 29 to: communications@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!**

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

CLIMAtlantic Hosting Funding Info Sessions in July

CLIMAtlantic is offering several virtual sessions in July to support municipalities in navigating climate-related funding opportunities and strengthening applications through collaboration.

Upcoming Sessions (10AM–12PM AT):

- **July 16:** *Funding Application Workshop* – Guidance on identifying funding, working with partners, and insights from provincial funders.
- **July 23:** *GCCC & AiA Funding* – Learn about Growing Canada's Community Canopy and Adaptation in Action, with Q&A and project idea sharing.
- **July 30:** *CRPP Funding* – Explore the Climate Ready Plans and Processes program with opportunities to connect and collaborate.

[Register here](#) (closes one week before each session)

NEWS

[Argyle residents hear next steps in ADA program](#)

[Drought conditions across Canada continue to worsen](#)

[Free bus passes coming to CBRM for people on income, disability support](#)

[NB code of conduct allow for degree of council secrecy not possible under NS rules](#)
[NPF Welcomes NS's Policing Reforms and Continued Partnership with RCMP](#)
[Mayors concerned province 'pushing' municipal police out-govt expands RCMP role](#)
[N.S. moving toward province-wide RCMP](#)
[Richmond asking NSFM to make involuntary destruction an advocacy issue](#)
[Second meeting happening on Plymouth connection trail](#)
[Stewiacke slows development pending new water treatment plant](#)

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**.

- Stream 2 of the [Critical Minerals Infrastructure Fund](#) is open
- [Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation](#) is open
- [Safe and Active School Routes Grant](#) is open
- [Digital Museums Canada Investment Program](#) is open
- [Thriving Forests Program](#) is open and accepting expressions of interest
- A three-part funding workshop series with FCM, focused on [Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation](#) and [Growing Canada's Community Canopies](#). Sessions ([register here](#)):
 - July 16, 10 AM–12 PM: Funding Application Workshop
 - July 23, 10 AM–12 PM: GCCC & Adaptation in Action Funding Discussion
 - July 30, 10 AM–12 PM: CRPP Funding Discussion
- [Trans Canada Trail Funding Programs](#) are open (NEW!)

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

Project Management

The [NSFM/Canoe Project Management Program](#) connects municipal units with the support they need to manage capital and infrastructure projects of any size. Whether seeking strategic guidance, construction procurement, or temporary staffing, this program offers flexible services tailored to your goals. With experienced project management and full-spectrum solutions, municipal units can keep projects on time,

NSFM/Canoe Supplier List: July Updates

[NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) provides a diverse range of procurement options for our members. View the updated list of [new and renewed 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.**

Traffic Supply

The [NSFM/Canoe Traffic Supply Program](#) enables municipalities to partner with major sign suppliers ensuring members get the signage they need at a competitive price and always trade compliant. [ATS Traffic](#) is offering a 90-day free trial of the MX series of [Carmanah's Crosswalk and School Zone Systems](#), which provide a simple and affordable way to monitor, control, and gather data from traffic systems. The system's enhanced connectivity also provides heightened awareness, time and cost savings, and improved citizen safety. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Preferred Insurance Rates for Elected Leaders & Staff

BrokerLink is proud to offer exclusive home and auto insurance premiums to NSFM members. Talk to one of our insurance experts for the right advice. 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. Learn about the [program](#) benefits and how BrokerLink can provide you with a **free, no-obligations insurance quote**.

WEBINARS

Opportunity: Streamlined Print Solutions

Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities 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

Connecting Climate & Biodiversity: Recording

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](#).

The **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation** is an education partner of the **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program**.

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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