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Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES



As we mark Remembrance Day, we pause to honour the courage, sacrifice, and service of the Canadians who have served and continue to serve our country. We remember those who gave their lives in the pursuit of peace and freedom, and recognize the lasting impact of their service on our communities and our nation. May we honour their memory with gratitude and reflection. **Lest we forget.**

CONGRATS TO MAYOR DAVID MITCHELL!



Congratulations to Mayor David Mitchell!

David Mitchell, Mayor of Bridgewater, is returing as President of NSFM's Board of Directors

NSFM 2026 FALL CONFERENCE



Our NSFM Fall Conference was a success!

Thank you to all our **delegates, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors, and entertainers** who made this year's conference such a success.

Your engagement, ideas, and collaboration are what drive progress for municipalities across Nova Scotia. See you next year!

EDUCATION - NEW SERIES

Natural Resources & Energy Education Series: Two New Sessions

NSFM is pleased to announce two upcoming sessions in its Natural Resources & Energy Education Series.

Long-Term Energy Planning with IESO Nova Scotia
Wednesday, November 25 | 12:00–1:00 PM
Join IESO Nova Scotia to learn about the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), a long-term planning process that helps guide the development of the electricity system over the next 20 to 30 years. The session will explore the IRP process and provide an

opportunity for municipalities to share their perspectives and input on long-term electricity planning. Register Here

Community Benefit Agreements: What Municipalities Need to Know
Thursday, November 26 | 12:00–1:30 PM
Join lawyers from Cox & Palmer and the Ecology Action Centre for a session exploring Community Benefit Agreements and their application in a municipal context. **Register Here**

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

2026 Federal Budget

On November 5, the 2026 federal budget was delivered in the House of Commons. Major housing and homelessness investments provide an opportunity to move more people into affordable, safe, and stable homes. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) says municipalities are ready to deliver and governments must now match the federal housing ambition with the provincial and territorial health and operating supports and local infrastructure investments needed to take decisive and timely action. Read more about the full implications of this federal budget here.

Municipal Wellness Program Online Event

Join us as we mark an exciting new chapter for the Municipal Wellness Program on November 30 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM! This ***virtual*** event will bring together elected officials and municipal employees from across Nova Scotia as we continue building healthy, supportive, and resilient municipal workplaces.

The morning will feature remarks from provincial and municipal leaders, the featured seminar ***Foundations of Wellbeing: Building Resilience and Balance for Everyone***, and an introduction to the program and opportunities ahead. We hope you'll be part of this important milestone as we look ahead to the future of municipal wellness in Nova Scotia.

Register here: NSFM Municipal Wellness Program Launch

Municipal Exchange

Launched on September 3, this is a listserv designed as a shared space for municipal news, resources, and discussion to connect and support Nova Scotia's broader municipal sector. Participation is free and open to municipal leaders and staff across the province. You can sign up for the listserv here. Read the listserv guidelines.

NEWS

Atlantic municipalities join forces to strengthen their voice
Bridgewater selected to host international Michelin Cities conference in 2028
Developer pitching subdivision outside Shubenacadie gets earful
Gloria McCluskey isn't slowing down, in fact she's learning new skills
Halifax Water breach raises questions about ethical hacking
Inverness offers water pick-up following five water breaks
Nova Scotia municipal leaders say tax model isn't keeping up with rising costs
NS Town Leaders Seek Answers on Arts and Infrastructure at Municipal Conference
Public meeting on Forum demolition back on track, project cost rises 10%
Richmond County council holds marathon debate over proposed data centre
Stewiacke councillors pushing back on social media incivility
The wardens and mayor of Guysborough County
Truro looks to demolish deteriorating farmers' market tower

FUNDING

Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The Funding Portal is a joint initiative of the Department of Municipal Affairs and the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities. Our mission is simple: make finding and applying for grants easy and efficient — so you can focus on building stronger communities. nsfunding.ca.

PROGRAMS

Canoe Wins 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement

Canoe Procurement, partner of NSFM to deliver procurement solutions to municipal units, has been named a recipient of the 2026 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award from the National Procurement Institute (NPI). Canoe is the first Canadian group procurement organization to earn this recognition. For Canoe, this recognition reflects the work the team does every day to deliver innovative procurement solutions to our members, including those in Nova Scotia.

Built for Canada

As a partner of the NSFM/Canoe Procurement Group, municipal units have access to the Built for Canada Program. By leveraging group purchasing power, cost-effective, compliant solutions to support your municipality's needs are available. Whether you are focused on 'Buy Canada' strategies, exploring alternatives, or balancing both, our diverse supplier network is ready to assist. We are working closely with suppliers expanding their Canadian offerings and encourage members to connect directly for the best options, because Canoe is built to support Canada's diverse needs. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

HR Services

HR Covered is the largest Canadian-owned HR service provider in the country. They offer our municipal units HR experts who help make managing people and processes simple and cover all avenues, at a fraction of the cost. Backed by the extensive experience of certified and qualified HR leaders, HR Covered is the most sought after HR solution in the country. The following service offerings are available **for free** to all municipal units:

- HR Hub document library
- Engaging webinars
- Complementary policy manual
- Program information
- More info: partnerships@hrcovered.com

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The Basics of a "Deductible"?

When it comes to car insurance, one of the most important but overlooked details is the deductible. So, what does a "car insurance deductible" really mean? Read more about it.

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.



Krown Discount

Krown and NSFM offer a discount program on services offered by Krown, for the benefit of elected leaders and staff working within the broader municipal sector in Nova Scotia:

- 15% off discount on all Krown Vehicle Products
- Offer valid for all elected leaders, staff, and their friends and family
- Presentation of the Dealer Promo Code required

Click Krown Discount Program for more program information, including the Dealer Promo Code to access your benefit.

WEBINARS

EV Forward: Electric Vehicle Charging for Municipalities

Join HCi3 and the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) for a practical webinar exploring how EV charging infrastructure can support economic development, attract visitors, and help municipalities meet the growing demand for electric transportation. Learn about the EV Forward program, hear real-world lessons from municipalities implementing charging solutions, and gain expert insights from Liam Cook of Navigate Energy, Martha Horsman of Halifax Regional Municipality, and Lauren Clark from Town of Mahone Bay on moving from planning to successful deployment.

Date: Wednesday, November 18
Time: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

RESOURCES

Summer Municipal Observer
The magazine for the **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities**

Fall/Winter Atlantic Municipal Magazine
The magazine for the **Atlantic Region of Municipalities**

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