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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

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 block will be held until October 6, 2023.

- Room rates range from \$169 - \$194 ++ per night
- Please use [THIS BOOKING LINK](#) to book your room
- If you prefer to call: 1-866-761-3513 (please indicate that you are attending the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities Conference to receive our conference rate)

Optional Hotel – [Cambridge Suites Halifax](#)

Call 1-800-565-1263 and ask for the government rate - be sure to have your municipal government ID available when checking in. There is no block of rooms at the Cambridge, but they have agreed to give NSFM members the government rate (Starting at \$125++/night).

Once these hotels are full there are several other options available in Halifax. [Click here](#) for an easy reference link. NSFM does not have room blocks at these hotels.

It is our intention to hold a member meeting on policing the afternoon of Tuesday, November 7 (details will be sent out to the membership at a future time) followed by a meet and greet reception that evening. The official conference program will begin on Wednesday, November 8 at 8:15 a.m. and conclude at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10.

The program and registration details will be available in September.

EVENTS

Circular Economy and Waste: Engagement

The Government of Nova Scotia is consulting the public on ideas to encourage the province's circular economy and reduce waste. The Province has set a solid waste disposal target of 300 kg per person per year by 2030 in the Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act and has committed to developing a strategic plan by the end of 2023 that shows how we will reach this target. Your input on what should be included in this strategic plan is welcomed.

- The consultation launched on August 17 and will run until September 29
- To learn more about proposed ideas, how to provide input, and access the online portal for providing input directly visit: [Circular economy and waste: engagement](#)
- You can also provide written feedback to: SWRM@novascotia.ca
- For questions about the consultation contact: Bob Kenney at robert.kenney@novascotia.ca or 902-499-2178

NEWS

Rules of Order & Meeting Processes In-person Workshops

AMANS, in conjunction with NSFM, presents the following in-person workshop opportunity. Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis with a limit of 30 registrants per session.

Join our transformative workshop to unlock the secrets behind successful town and municipal council or village commission meetings. Don't miss out on the chance to elevate your governance skills and ensure your meetings run seamlessly.

Exclusive Incentives Await You – Early Bird Advantage

- **Enroll before the early bird deadlines for a chance to win a complimentary registration for your selected session!**

Advisory Committee Update

Staff are currently reviewing the expressions of interest that have been submitted for participation on the NSFM Advisory Committees. The Board will receive recommendations from staff at its next meeting, planned for early fall. Afterwards, the membership will be provided with an update.

For information, contact: info@nsfm.ca

Federal Budget 2024

Local governments have found themselves on the frontlines of some of the most pressing challenges facing Canada today. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is seeking the support of all orders of government to ensure our members can deliver the quality-of-life Canadians expect and deserve. Read the pre-budget letter and five recommendations focused on securing a new framework that better links municipal resources with national economic and population growth, as submitted by FCM.

[Shaping Federal Budget 2024 | Federation of Canadian Municipalities \(fcm.ca\)](#)

IN THE NEWS

[Cape Breton Event marks the end of the clean up of destruction left by Fiona](#)

[N.S. premier mulls letting towns issue flood alerts as expert sees wider problems - Halifax | Globalnews.ca](#)

[Halifax asks staff for strategies to protect neighbourhoods with high wildfire risk](#)

['We all want the same thing': HRM council targets developers as housing crisis worsens](#)

[New Halifax transit safety bylaw aims to reduce incidents of on-board violence](#)

FUNDING

Community Economic Development Fund

Deadline for applications August 31, 2023 [Click here to apply](#)

Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Program (SIP)

Call for Applications is now open and currently accepting applications. The deadline to submit an application is August 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (PT).

To make SIP more responsive to the needs of the communities and to provide funding as quickly and efficiently as possible, several changes have been implemented to help reduce the administrative burden and increase accessibility to program funding. This includes:

- Support for Gender-Based Violence (GBV) shelters
- New user-friendly online resources and simplified application requirements
- Extending the length of time to complete a project, if required
- Prioritized funding, accessible year-round, for organizations that become victim of a severe hate-motivated crime.
- To apply <https://publicsafety.gc.ca/sip>
- For questions send an e-mail to: csp.atlantic-psc.atlantique@ps-sp.gc.ca

FCM Funding Opportunities

Stay up-to-date with funding opportunities through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Visit <https://fcm.ca/en/funding> to find more information and links.

NRCan Climate Adaptation Program

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has opened a Call for Proposals under NRCan's Climate Change Adaptation Program, which supports Canada's National Adaptation Strategy. Up to \$15 million in funding is available to develop tools and resources to support communities, decision-makers, and natural resource-sector businesses take adaptation-informed decisions and actions. **Deadline:** September 22, 2023.

[Click here for more info](#)

Tourism Digital Assistance Program—Communities

This program helps to effectively promote local communities as a travel destination, attract visitors, and encourage spending. The program will cover up to \$15,000 in services and online tools for municipalities, business chambers, and community tourism organizations to address their digital needs. TDAP—Communities is a partnership between Tourism Nova Scotia and Digital Nova Scotia.

- [Program details](#)
- **Application deadline:** September 14 @ 4:00 p.m.
- For more information, contact:
jennifer.mckeane@novascotia.ca or (902) 717-3623

Zero-Emission Trucking Program Funding

The objective of this CFP is to support projects (up to \$1 M per project) that develop, align, and modernize curricula, guidelines, codes, standards, and regulations to enable and accelerate the safe deployment of zero-emission trucking in Canada, as well as associated charging and refuelling infrastructure.

For more info, please contact ZETProgram-ProgrammeCZF@tc.gc.ca
[Click here for more info](#)

PROGRAMS

NSFM/Canoe & CDW: Understanding Cyberexposure Risks with Testing

With penetration testing, CDW will help you uncover security vulnerabilities in your environment, understand your municipality's security posture, and test its readiness to withstand and respond to real-world cyberattacks. A highly trained team will thoroughly test target systems for known vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and mismanagement of devices in order to ensure that testing objectives are achieved. CDW is experienced in executing advanced exploitation attacks using both automated and manual tools. Testers put emphasis on manual review, using techniques suited to the context of the target environment. Using industry-recognized and proven methodologies, CDW will provide detailed reporting, including a remediation plan to assist in ensuring information assets remain protected.

For more info, contact: publicsector@cdw.ca

NSFM/Canoe & Expertec: Catch-22 of a New Truck in the Fleet

It has been more than 70 years since Joseph Heller coined the phrase (and wrote the book) Catch-22, but fleet operators and skilled trades in Canada are most assuredly living it. One of the most important facets of this program is to ensure municipal units are able to get that newly purchased asset in the field as quickly as possible by ensuring everything required to outfit a truck is in stock and available. Expertec is loaded with inventory, with everything from [Slip-in Service Bodies](#) to [SpaceKaps](#), and a warehouse filled with the smaller accessories to get the vehicle on the road as soon as possible. The result is simple: lead times measured in weeks, not months.

[Learn more about how Expertec can help you today!](#)

HR OnCall from People First HR

NSFM and AMANS have partnered with HR OnCall to offer municipal units, regardless of size or scope, expertise and practical solutions to meet their human resource needs. NSFM members will receive a special program rate of \$60/month (\$720 annually) for the service. Gain access to best practices and advice for your HR inquiries when you need it.

- [Click here for the NSFM Subscription](#)
- [Click here for HR OnCall Service Options](#)
- [Click here for HR OnCall FAQs](#)

WEBINARS

EPR for PPP Regulation Overview

NSFM and the Regional Solid Waste Chairs are pleased to present an overview of the recently announced EPR regulations. This session will assist local elected officials in understanding the implications these regulations will have for their municipality. Both sessions will be virtual via Zoom. Two dates are available and registration is required:

- [September 20, 4:00 p.m.](#)
- [September 27, 4:00 p.m.](#)

Webinar: Utility Scale Solar Development

With the electrification of our energy systems including the use of EVs and heat pumps, increasing total electrical generation is a must. Utility scale solar, typically coupled with storage, is another tool that utilities will use to diversify their generation mix. This webinar will discuss some of the considerations when developing a utility scale development from 1-10 MW. This includes site selection, land agreements, utility interconnection, managing distribution/transmission/load constraints with storage, and discussing the process to make decisions around these considerations.

- Date: September 21 from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. (AST)
- Facilitator: Jeff MacKinnon, P.Eng, PE, JMK Engineering Inc.
- [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

RESOURCES

[Summer Municipal Observer](#)

The magazine for the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

[Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The magazine for Atlantic Canadian municipalities



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