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## Monday Memo



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### COMMITTEE WORK UNDERWAY

#### The work of the NSFM Advisory Committees is underway:

- [Equity & Community Wellbeing](#) held an organizational meeting on November 16 and a committee meeting on December 14, at which Councillor and Committee Chair Alison Graham was appointed as Chair and the Terms of Reference and the Municipal Statement of Interest were discussed.
- [Municipal Infrastructure](#) met on November 21 to approve their Terms of Reference and Municipal Statement of Interest, which were then ratified by the Board on December 1.
- [Municipal Autonomy](#) met on November 29 to approve their Terms of Reference, ratified by the Board on December 1. Their Municipal Statement of Interest was also discussed.
- [Public Safety](#) met on December 4 to approve their Terms of Reference and discuss their Municipal Statement of Interest.
- [Climate Change](#) met on December 14 to approve their Terms of Reference and discuss their Municipal Statement of Interest.

In addition to addressing new advocacy requests received from the membership, committees reviewed and incorporated NSFM's outstanding resolutions.

### IN THE NEWS

[CBRM council considers eliminating broad sewer tax, implementing user fee](#)

[Former Baddeck administrator pleads guilty to theft of more than \\$19,000](#)

[Halifax Transit welcomes first electric bus, with more to follow](#)

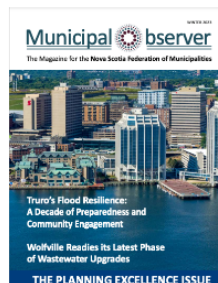
['It's fantastic and it's so helpful': HRM designates more surplus lands for affordable housing](#)

[Neighbours call for Halifax to deal with 'ruthless' pickleball noise](#)

[No complaints with RCMP, government response to N.S. mass shooting recommendations](#)

### NEWS

#### Our latest edition of Municipal Observer Magazine is here!



Dive into captivating stories, insightful features, and the latest updates from our vibrant communities. Click image above or here to view [Winter Municipal Observer](#)

#### Leadership in Flood Protection is Overdue

In this piece for Policy Options, Dr. Blair Feltmate, **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation**, and Intact Centre Advisory Committee Member James (Jason) Stewart, CD Howe Institute, focus on the mobilization of cost-effective flood risk protection for municipalities and homeowners. Canada must break out of "management by disaster". [Read here.](#)

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

## Access Financial Resources to Empower Your Municipality

NSFM recently launched an online **Funding Database**. This centralized resource is dedicated to our members to help you find municipal funding opportunities. You can access this valuable tool at [nsfm.ca/grants](https://nsfm.ca/grants). As part of this initiative, a monthly funding update will be communicated, outlining upcoming deadlines and information sessions. For upcoming deadlines and information sessions [click here](#)

Contact NSFM's Fund Navigator, Lucy MacLeod: [lmacleod@nsfm.ca](mailto:lmacleod@nsfm.ca)

### Important Grant Info:

- [The Green Choice Program](#) is now open, deadline March 4.
- [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#) Now open for continuous intake
  - Information sessions scheduled for Jan
- The [Mitacs CleanTech](#) Special Offer has been extended to Feb 9.
- Dept of CCHT has opened grants for the fiscal year.
  - Information sessions scheduled for Dec & Jan
- [Canada Summer Job Wage Subsidy Program](#) deadline Jan 10
- [Sustainable Development Goals Program](#) is now open, deadline Jan 12
- Nova Scotia's [Community Solar Program](#) is expected to open in winter/spring 2024.
- [Building Capacity with the Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program](#) is now open, deadline Jan 31.
  - If you are considering applying to Nova Scotia's Community Solar Program, you may consider applying to SREP.
- [Local Festivals – Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage](#) is now open, deadline Jan 31.
- [Community Economic Development Fund](#) (formerly Invest NS Fund) now open, deadline Jan 31
- [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#) deadline Jan 31
- [Fighting and Managing Wildfires in a Changing Climate Program](#) is now open, Deadline Feb 1
- [Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Program](#): For non-profit-owned community spaces, deadline March 31.

### FCM Funding Opportunities

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

## PROGRAMS

### NSFM/Canoe Paint Supply Program

We live in a colourful world, so why limit your projects to shades of grey? With the **Canoe Paint Supply Program**, you can access a wide range of architectural and commercial paint, wallcoverings, and tools that will help you get the job done right. Our program is fully trade compliant, cuts through the administrative hassles, and gives you exclusive access to preferential pricing and services. The program works with **local** retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local** [NSFM Canoe Paint Supply Program information](#)

### Make Yourself Comfortable

Staff and Councillors that are comfortable at work are productive at work. With the **NSFM/Canoe Furniture Program**, municipalities get access to furniture designers and manufacturers, such as Humanscale, who are recognized as experts in their fields, ensuring some of the best commercial furniture available. Best value pricing and preferential service is a recipe for success. How it works:

- Post a notice on your recognized electronic bid notification system to use the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**.
- Contact the supplier of your choice, requesting program pricing
- Confirm purchase with a contract number

Read about how [Humanscale](#) eliminates harmful chemicals from products. The program works with **local** retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**

### NSFM/Canoe Facility Assessment Program

Effectively managing your municipality's physical assets can sometimes seem overwhelming. With expert approved suppliers, the **NSFM/Canoe Facility Assessment Program** provides the asset management expertise you need to operate efficiently. The program works with **local** retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local** [Assessment Solutions/](#)

### Case Study: Battle of the Sludge

In Carlyle Saskatchewan, the primary cell of the sewage lagoon is aerated with two sewage inlets and a septage dump. The town's main challenge was unknown sludge accumulation throughout their lagoon. Their second challenge was being susceptible to sewer line backups due to sludge surrounding their inlets. Their third challenge was a limited desludging budget. [Learn how Hydrasurvey helped Carlyle solve these challenges.](#) Hydrasurvey is a partner in the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**.

**NSFM/Canoe Firefighting Apparatus Program** provides reliable firetrucks with a streamlined procurement process and competitive rates, offering a dependable solution for your firefighting needs. The program works with **local** retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

[Learn more](#)

## WEBINARS

### Canoe 101: Recording

The NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program provides you with cost-effective, compliant purchasing options. If you missed the recent Canoe 101 webinar, you can still access the recording. The webinar gives an overview of how the [Canoe Procurement Group](#) can save you time and money in purchasing and is offered courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#). To view the webinar, click [here](#).

### Webinar Recording: Municipalities Keep Electric Fleets Charged

Siemens, a partner in the NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program presented on how to ensure electric vehicles in your municipal fleet are able to stay charged. Representatives from the City of Toronto shared their experience in adapting their fleets and facilities to support EVs. The recording of the webinar, courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#), is available at the following link: [Keep Electric Fleets Charged - Canoe Procurement Group | LAS](#)

## 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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