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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

The past week has been a difficult one for our province and our members. Our thoughts are with the municipalities and their staff and leadership; agencies, personnel, and leadership at all levels of government; service/volunteer agencies; and brave first responders as they continue to battle against the devastating forest fires that have ravaged our beautiful province.

Our thoughts also extend to all Nova Scotians and their families, friends, pets, and livestock that have been affected by the fires. We are thankful for the fire fighters and the many volunteers that have provided and continue to provide support. We are inspired by the sense of kindness that exists within our communities. We are also thankful for the rain! Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities is present to serve our members in any way possible.

NSFM Board accepting applications to Advisory Committees on Areas of Municipal Interest

NSFM's six new Advisory Committees will be responsible for providing advocacy recommendations to the Board of Directors. The committees will be presented with advocacy issues brought to the Board of Directors through municipal councils and other orders of government. After reviewing delegated issues using the Advocacy Prioritization Policy, these committees will provide the NSFM Board of Directors with a recommendation on next steps.

Each Advisory Committee will be composed of five elected municipal officials and one Chief Administrative Officer. The NSFM President, and Chief Executive Officer, or their designates, will be ex-officio members on each committee.

A list of all Advisory Committees on Areas of Municipal Interest and a template draft Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committees was circulated amongst NSFM members recently.

These committees will meet quarterly at a minimum. Applicants should expect to take on some work for the purposes of preparing for meetings and advancing the work of these committees.

Application Requirements:

Applicants should state which Advisory Committee they are applying to. If expressing an interest in more than one Advisory Committee, please submit a specific expression of interest for each. If applying to more than one committee, please indicate order of preference. Applicants may only sit on one committee unless there is insufficient interest.

Please provide a brief statement outlining your relevant skills and qualifications including an explanation of why your participation would benefit the committee. You can submit this brief outline of your qualifications to info@nsfm.ca by **Friday, June 9th, 2023**.

Informal Meeting on Policing Services July 12th

NSFM is holding an informal meeting on policing services on July 12th from 4pm to 5pm. This meeting will be held online. This meeting is open to all elected municipal officials and staff.

Municipalities are committed to providing a high standard of public safety to their residents and visitors. Both long-running concerns and recent events have led to an active conversation on how policing services in Nova Scotia can be better supported and delivered. The distinct policing models found across Nova Scotia each have something to offer to this conversation. We invite you to join this conversation, especially if you are an elected member of your municipality's Advisory Board or Board of Police Commissioners.

Department of Canadian Heritage, offers emergency advice to Canada's heritage community in the aftermath of a fire, flood, earthquake or other catastrophes.

For more information about CCI's emergency advisory service and to obtain the service's toll free telephone number, please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/conservation-institute/corporate/emergency-advice.html>

The Atlantic regional offices of Canadian Heritage acknowledge the personal and community impact of natural disasters and are committed to providing affected heritage institutions with timely and effective response to emergency assistance inquiries.

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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.

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Running on Empty? Canoe Procurement Has the Answer

Your municipality's fleet is always expected to be ready for anything. Is your fueling solution upholding its end of the bargain? Through the Canoe Fuel and Fleet Asset Management Program, Gasboy Solutions can get your setup evaluated by professionals, with any upgrades pre-tendered on your behalf and designed with top-tier value in mind.

- Information on the Fuel Management Program: <https://canoeprocurement.ca/program/fuel-management-program/>
- What is Gasboy: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87-W8S3r_W0
- Gasboy products offered through Canoe: <https://info.gasboy.com/canoe-procurement-group-fueling-solutions>

Fuel and Fleet Asset Management Webinar

Can your municipality benefit from better fuel and fleet asset management? A free one-hour webinar on June 14 will showcase how technology can give you complete autonomy over the purchasing, storage, and monitoring of your fuel – and save you time and money by providing accurate report data.

The webinar is hosted by Gasboy, a Canoe Procurement partner, offering fuel and fleet management system needs and dispensing equipment for any fleet size. NS municipalities receive discounts on the pre-tendered, negotiated contract through the Canoe Procurement fuel management program. Systems can be tailored to meet the needs of all sizes of municipalities.

Presenters:

- Matt Lunardini - Canadian Commercial Account Manager for Gasboy (matt.lunardini@gilbarco.com)
- Konnor Long - Business Development at Petro Service Limited (longk@petroservice.com)

- Wednesday, June 14, 3-4 pm
- Link: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/12c8aa6b-1a8f-4974-a0ee-ce3fb7bd73e2@0ee60ac4-5059-4f1c-857c-a9c4d2daab23>
- No pre-registration required

Jointly presented by NS Federation of Municipalities (NSFM), Union of the Municipalities of NB (UMNB), and Federation of PEI Municipalities (FPEIM)



Upcoming Events

Weathering What's Ahead: Nova Scotia's Climate Change Risk Assessment

Date: Wednesday June 14th, 2023

Time: 6pm-7pm

Location: Zoom Webinar. Once you register for the webinar, you will receive a calendar invite with the Zoom link.

Presenters:

- Gavin Kennedy, Climate Risk Assessment Lead, NS Department of Environment and Climate Change
- Alex Cadel, Climate Services Specialist, CLIMAtlantic and NS Department of Environment and Climate Change
- Jennifer Organ, Engagement and Climate Adaptation Specialist, NS Department of Environment and Climate Change

The Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change recently released an updated climate change risk assessment: [Weathering What's Ahead: Climate Change Risk and Nova Scotia's Well-being](#). A climate change risk assessment helps us to understand how the climate is changing. It also helps us to understand issues of concern and opportunities to act. Join this webinar to learn more about the risk assessment from the Department of Environment and Climate Change, which can be used as a resource to help guide adaptation action. This webinar will also highlight resources available to support climate adaptation, including services available through [CLIMAtlantic](#), Atlantic Canada's Climate Services Hub.

[Register here for webinar](#)

Webinar: Special Hazards of Special Events

NSFM and AMANS are please to present the following webinar as part of its educational component of the Municipal Insurance program.

Special Hazards of Special Events – Special events in municipalities present unique risk exposures to municipalities. In this one-hour session, we will discuss special issues that must be considered when municipalities partner with community groups to stage special events. We will review the importance of consistent agreements, which can effectively transfer risk for special events' exposures. From parades to outdoor patios, municipalities must understand how they are exposed to liability and craft a consistent process to ensure their best interests are always front-of-mind.

Presenter: Tracy Eso, CIP, CRM, ACI, Risk Assessment and Solutions Manager, Intact Public Entities

Special Hazards of Special Events

Please click [here](#) to register.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



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