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## Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
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### NSFM Seeking Member Photos



We are seeking member photo submissions to show off their municipality for NSFM social media, presentations, and our printed products.

Have a photo-friendly favourite spot in your municipality? Know a shutterbug that would love to share their content with us?

[Reach out and show us what you have!](#)

### NRCAN Launches Call For Proposals For Codes Acceleration Fund

Natural Resources Canada's new Codes Acceleration Fund offers \$100M in funding opportunities for projects geared towards accelerating the adoption and implementation of the highest feasible tiers of national model energy codes or other high performance building codes. The application period **closes March 27, 2023**. Indigenous applicants have until March 31, 2025, to submit proposals.

[For information on how to apply, visit the CAF website.](#)

### The Municipal Environmental Stewardship Survey Closes Tomorrow!

The Municipal Environmental Stewardship Survey, conducted by the Mersey Tobetic Research Institute, **closes on March 7, 2023**. This is your municipalities' last chance to take part in the survey!

The Municipal Environmental Stewardship Survey is focused on municipalities in the federally nominated Kespukwitk/Southwest Nova Scotia Priority Place, designated under the Pan-Canadian Approach to Transforming Species at Risk Conservation. The survey aims to understand what environmental concerns matter most to municipalities and identify municipal information needs to inform the creation of a Municipal Environmental Stewardship Toolkit.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill out the survey. We have heard from many municipalities and hope to hear from most, if not all, municipalities in Kespukwitk/Southwest Nova Scotia!

### Funding Available for Rural Transit

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund, Capital Projects Stream, is now [open for a second intake of applications](#). Eligible applicants, including rural municipalities, can seek funding of up to \$3 million to help cover the capital costs of new or expanded transit solutions (e.g., purchase of vehicles or digital platforms) and up to \$5 million to support zero-emission transit solutions (e.g., for the purchase of zero-emission vehicle(s)).

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund responds directly to FCM advocacy by supporting a wide range of delivery models for rural, remote, and small communities. [Register to the webinar to learn more.](#)

### Code of Conduct Working Group (COCWG) Announces Second Round of Consultation

This round will focus on sanctions that can be imposed if there is a breach of the code, and options related to the investigator model process.

[In order to ensure a robust discussion during consultation, the COCWG is providing elected officials and senior administrators with the proposed sanctions and options in advance for their review.](#)

To maximize the amount of feedback the COCWG can receive, there are going to be virtual and in-person consultation sessions. Although the virtual sessions are listed by region, the COCWG encourages elected officials and senior administrators to attend as many sessions as possible on whichever dates best fit their schedule.

## Infrastructure Canada Launches Call for Applications to Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF)

The DMAF is a national, competitive, and merit-based contribution program intended to support infrastructure projects designed to mitigate current and future climate-related risks and disasters triggered by natural hazards, such as floods, wildland fires, droughts, and seismic events.

Eligible projects include new construction of public infrastructure and/or modification or reinforcement of existing public infrastructure, including natural infrastructure, that prevent, mitigate, or protect against the impacts of climate change, disasters triggered by natural hazards, and extreme weather.

[Information on the DMAF, including the applicant's guide, eligibility criteria, and how to apply, is available at this link.](#)

Applications must be submitted to Infrastructure Canada through the application portal accessible via the DMAF website. Applications will be accepted at any time before the portal closes on **July 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. (EDT)**.

[For program questions, contact dmaf-faac@inf.gc.ca](mailto:dmaf-faac@inf.gc.ca)

## Canada Wide Big Crunch for Healthy Food This Week!

From the Kings County Community Food Council

We invite you to join students across Canada, (including 120 000+ students in Nova Scotia) in a national event called [The Great Big Crunch](#).

The Great Big Crunch raises awareness of the importance of healthy food at school. It is a moment of *anti-silence*, inviting people passionate about getting healthy, local food in schools, to crunch into apples and make a noise (*crunch!*) for healthy school food.

The Great Big Crunch is hosted nationally by the [Coalition for Healthy School Food](#), and locally supported by our many [Community Health Boards](#), [Kings County Community Food Council](#) and [Nourish NS](#). We know school food is important to you as well, and are thankful the NSFM signed on as an Endorser of the Coalition for Healthy School Food.

With the forthcoming 2023 federal budget, now is the time to act. The Coalition advocates for the creation of a universal cost-shared school food program for Canada, that would see all K-12 students have daily access to healthy food at school. Join us as we show our federal decision makers this issue is important to us.

**We encourage you to make a crunchy noise in one or all of the following ways:**

- Attend the [Canada-wide Virtual Great Big Crunch](#) on March 9th at 2pm AST
- Host your own local Crunch at your respective Town Halls! [Register](#) and share details about your event so we can count your crunches in the grand total, no matter when you do it or what you crunch!
- Share your Crunch on Social Media!
  - Here's a message you can copy and paste: We took the #GreatBigCrunch to celebrate #HealthySchoolFood!
  - Tag on Facebook: @CHSF.CSAS, Twitter: @C4HSchoolFood, Instagram: @thegreatbigcrunch



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## Upcoming Events

**NSFM 2023 Spring Conference – Exceeding the Vision**

May 3rd – 5th  
Digby Pines Resort, Digby, NS

Keynote by **Danny Graham** of Engage Nova Scotia  
Sessions on Climate Action Projects; Municipal Success Stories; Women in Politics,  
Evaluating your CAO and more.

Watch for more information coming soon!

## Infrastructure Canada Webinar Series

Infrastructure Canada is hosting a series of webinars for guidance on preparing a strong Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) application. They will provide an overview of the program, its requirements and advice to help applicants navigate the application process.

To register: <https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/dmaf-faac/webinar-webinaire-eng.html>

**English sessions:**

- Thursday, March 9, 1:30-2:30pm (EST) **(FULL)**
- Tuesday, March 14, 1:30-2:30pm (EDT)
- Tuesday, March 21, 1:30-2:30pm (EDT)

**Webinars focusing on applicants from the Atlantic provinces:**

- Tuesday, March 7, 1:30-2:30pm (EST) English session
- Friday, March 10, 1:30-2:30pm (EST) French session

**Webinar focusing on Northern communities:**

- Thursday, March 16, 1:30-2:30pm (EDT) English session




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