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Monday Memo



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## 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](mailto:info@nsfm.ca) by **Friday, June 9th, 2023**.

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## Access Awareness Week 2023

Access Awareness Week is an annual event that celebrates and highlights the valuable contributions and leadership of those Nova Scotians with disabilities. Part of National AccessAbility Week, our provincial event offers an opportunity to engage Nova Scotians in awareness, education and dialogue about access and inclusion.

We invite you to join the Accessibility Directorate in recognizing and celebrating this year's Access Awareness Week from May 28 – June 3.

**This year's theme is "Access includes Everyone - Moving the Bar on Quality of Life".**

To stay in touch with events happening across Nova Scotia, check out the Provincial Access Awareness Week website [here](#) and National AccessAbility Week website [here](#).

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## This Friday: NSFM FREE WEBINAR: Women in Municipal Politics

**June 2nd, 2023 - 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Via Zoom

In writing her book *On Their Shoulders: The Women Who Paved the Way in Nova Scotia Politics*, **Sarah Dobson** learned that many of the first 50 women elected

the number of women candidates and elected women municipally and provincially. This presentation will cover what we can learn from the statistics, what we can do to encourage more gender parity in municipal government, and what municipal elected officials across Nova Scotia consider their greatest barriers to equality.



**Sarah Dobson, Lawyer, Cox & Palmer:** Sarah is a lawyer working at Cox & Palmer in Halifax. She graduated from Dalhousie University with a degree in Political Science and Economics in 2016 and with a law degree from the Schulich School of Law in 2020. Sarah and co-author Grace Evans wrote *On Their Shoulders: The Women Who Paved the Way in Nova Scotia Politics* profiling the first 50 women to serve as a Member of the Legislative Assembly in Nova Scotia. The proceeds from the book started a scholarship at Dalhousie University awarded to two female political science students a year. Sarah worked as a law clerk at the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal before returning to Cox & Palmer in their litigation group.

[Register Here](#)

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## Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing Funding Application Launch 2023-24

Municipalities can now apply for the following provincial funding programs administered by the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

**The deadline for applications is June 7th, 2023.** Application Forms and supporting documentation must be submitted to respective program emails by deadline. Applications received after the closing date may not be considered for funding.

**2023-24 Applications and Program Guides can be downloaded from the following program websites:**

[Provincial Capital Assistance Program \(PCAP\)](#)

[Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program \(FRIIP\)](#)

[Municipal Innovation Program \(MIP\)](#)

[Beautification and Streetscaping Program \(BSP\)](#)

[Community Works Program \(CWP\)](#)

If you have any questions or need help, feel free to contact DMAH.

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## Preparing your municipal application for the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)

Start your action plan today and be ready to apply this summer.

Municipalities that intend to apply to the Housing Accelerator Fund are highly encouraged to start their action plan now as there is a short application window once the client portal opens for application intake. CMHC offers a variety of resources and tools to support municipalities in preparing to submit an application for the Housing Accelerator Fund.

### Attend an Informative Webinar

Elevate your application readiness by joining us on May 31st, at 3:00 p.m. ET for a one-hour webinar. Learn more about creating an action plan, helpful tools and resources available, and get answers on the most frequently asked questions.

Register at [cmhc.ca](https://cmhc.ca).

### Join a Virtual Community

Offered through the Expert Community on Housing (ECOH) platform, CMHC has launched a virtual community designed for municipalities to come together and discuss land-use planning and development initiatives being contemplated or implemented to accelerate local housing supply. Share your experience and expertise to contribute to housing solutions across Canada. Join the [ECOH](#) conversation today.

**Access the latest HAF information and tools**

### Get Answers to your Questions

CMHC is available to answer questions you may have on the Housing Accelerator Fund and during the preparation of your application. Simply contact us by phone at 1-800-668-2642 or email us at [contactcentre@cmhc.ca](mailto:contactcentre@cmhc.ca)

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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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### Introducing Gasboy Solutions: A Canoe Procurement Partner

Gasboy Commercial and Industrial Fueling Solutions are a resource for any fuel dispensing equipment or fuel management system needs that your municipality may have.

Leverage Gasboy's Sourcewell/Canoe Procurement Group of Canada FMS contract #092290-GVR for pre-negotiated discounts on fuel management solutions. A wide range of Fuel Management System solutions to assist any size fleet are available.

- Information on the Fuel Management Program: <https://canoeprocurement.ca/program/fuel-management-program/>
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- Gasboy products offered through Canoe: <https://info.gasboy.com/canoe-procurement-group-fueling-solutions>

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### 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:

- Konnor Long - Business Development at Petro Service Limited ([longk@petroservice.com](mailto:longk@petroservice.com))

Webinar:

- 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



## Upcoming Events

### [Virtual Panel on Post-Hurricane Fiona Recovery](#) [This Friday!](#)

The MacEachen Institute for Public Policy and Governance at Dalhousie University is hosting a virtual public panel on post-hurricane Fiona recovery for Access Awareness Week 2023. The virtual event is on **Friday, June 2 at 12:00 pm (noon) on Zoom**.

For more information and to register please visit the [After Popular Attention Washes Away: Check-in Post-Fiona virtual panel event website](#).

The panel will explore questions such as:

- Has relief funding reached those that need it the most?
- How are communities repairing and rebuilding?
- How are individuals, especially those with a disability, recovering post-Fiona?
- How do we ensure relief programs and services are accessible and support people with disabilities?

The panelists:

- Amanda McDougall-Merrill - Mayor of Cape Breton Regional Municipality
- Anne Camozzi - disability advocate and artist
- Paul Kovacs - founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction (ICLR)
- Kaitlynn Lowe - Research Assistant at MacEachen Institute and Action Canada Fellow

For more information about Access Awareness Week 2023 and to see what other events are happening in Nova Scotia, visit the [Access Awareness Week website](#).

## **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 Cadell, Climate Services Specialist, CLIMAtlantic and 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](#)



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