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## Monday Memo

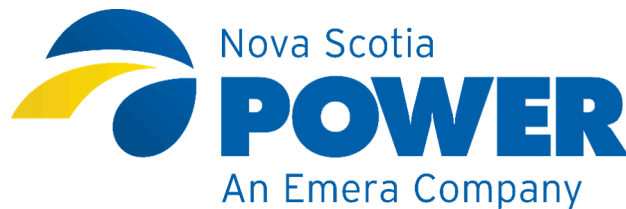
NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
OF MUNICIPALITIES

## NSFM Conference Nov. 7-10 – Westin NS Hotel



The NSFM Conference is the largest annual gathering of municipal elected officials and municipal staff in the province. Attendees will participate in sessions, discussions, panels, and other educational and networking opportunities focusing on topics such as the Impact of the Province's Population Growth Strategy, Housing, Diversity and Inclusion, Natural Infrastructure for Municipalities, Emergency Preparedness and much more. Our keynote speaker, David Miller, the former Mayor of the City of Toronto, will speak on Local Governments Leading the World in Innovation, and the party leaders have been invited to share their vision for Raising the Bar in our great Province. The event will allow you to network with your fellow municipal colleagues. This is a prime opportunity to Learn, Network and Exchange Ideas.

NSFM is pleased to announce Nova Scotia Power as the 2023 Presenting Sponsor



Watch for more information and registration details coming soon!

## EVENTS

**Engagement Invitation: Canadian Urban Transit Association - Transit and Housing Policy Recommendations**

Attend a virtual engagement session on Wednesday, September 6 from 11a.m. to 12:30p.m. to provide input and feedback on the Canadian Urban Transit Association's (CUTA) project recommendations. [Click here for more information.](#)

**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.

- Consultation period: August 17 to September 29
- For more info visit: [Circular Economy and Waste: Engagement](#)
- Feedback to: [SWRM@novascotia.ca](mailto:SWRM@novascotia.ca)
- Questions: Bob Kenney at [robert.kenney@novascotia.ca](mailto:robert.kenney@novascotia.ca) or 902-499-2178

## NEWS

**Nominations open for the 2023 Board of Directors Election**

The 2023 Nominations Committee is now accepting nominations for the following positions:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Regional Representatives for each NSFM Electoral Region

Nominations will be accepted until September 28. [Click here for more information.](#)

**SCCF Grant Announcement: Mulgrave Road Theatre**

"The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, through the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund, is pleased to support the creation of a net-zero performance and community space in Guysborough. The Mulgrave Road Theatre project is funded through the mitigation stream, which supports projects that seek to avoid or reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to Nova Scotia's targets for emission reduction." said Juanita Spencer, CEO, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Engagement: Modernizing Environmental Assessment Process

The government has begun public engagement on modernizing its environmental assessment process. Environmental assessment is a planning and decision-making tool used by governments globally, supporting sustainable development by allowing consideration of overall project impacts at an early stage.

The last major update to Nova Scotia's environmental assessment regulations was over 15 years ago (in 2008). The world has changed in the last 15 years, and it continues to change quickly. This is why, as part of the [Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act](#), Government has committed to modernizing environmental assessment in the Province, by 2024.

**Engagement:** August 30 to October 6. [For more info visit](#) and [Press Release](#).

### 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!**
- **Secure a Certificate of Completion upon workshop fulfillment.**

[Click here for more info.](#)

### 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](mailto:info@nsfm.ca)

## IN THE NEWS

[Halifax businesses with properties destroyed by fire ask for tax relief](#)

[N.S. university towns want on-campus student housing to reduce conflicts with community](#)

[New beds, transit routes aimed at addressing housing shortage at Cape Breton University](#)

[Fire-hazard reports find multiple N.S. communities at extreme risk, but most residents don't know it](#)

## FUNDING

### FCM Funding Opportunities

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

### 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

[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

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

### Zero-Emission Trucking Program Funding

Transport Canada's Zero-Emission Trucking Program (ZETP) has just launched a call for proposals for projects that accelerate readiness for zero-emission freight-haul and vocational vehicles.

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](mailto:ZETProgram-ProgrammeCZF@tc.gc.ca)

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## PROGRAMS

### ATS Traffic Offers Assessments for NSFM Members

Through the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**, ATS Traffic provides complimentary intersection assessments for municipalities as part of a partnership with Cubic Gridsmart. After a personalized assessment, you will be provided with an actionable roadmap to future-proof your infrastructure with detection technology that optimizes traffic flow and enhances pedestrian safety. Schedule your free virtual demo today and experience Cubic's exciting new line of intuitive traffic safety products. [Schedule your free virtual demo today!](#)

### NSFM/Canoe Auto Parts Program

Your municipality relies on your municipal fleet to get you through some of your most demanding work. Partnering with **NAPA Auto Parts**, the **NSFM/Canoe Auto Parts Program** ensures you can always get the components you need to keep your fleet in top shape with instant online inventory access and 24-hour delivery on the most comprehensive parts catalogue in the industry.

[Click here for more information.](#)

### NSFM/Canoe: Office Needs in One Place

As a one-stop solution for all office supplies, **NSFM & Canoe** have partnered with **Staples Professional** to provide members with everything from pens to cleaning equipment, furniture to computers, and promotional materials to coffee supplies. Members get access to preferential pricing, free shipping on orders over \$50, and next-day delivery to almost anywhere in Canada.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## 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.](#)

### 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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