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Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

NSFM 2024 SPRING CONFERENCE

📣 **Calling all municipal leaders and changemakers!**

Your chance to be part of the NSFM Spring Conference is slipping away.

We are thrilled to have **Olympian Brad Gushue as the Keynote Speaker!**

Registration closes at 12:00pm noon on May 2, don't let this opportunity pass you by.

Reserve your spot now: [Click Here](#)Keynote Speaker
Olympian Brad Gushue**Future-Focused Municipalities:
PIONEERING SOLUTIONS**

May 8-10, Inverary Inn, Baddeck, NS

NEWS

[CBRM company expects 'fierce competition' to build solar-power gardens](#)[CBRM councillor questions contract with port developer](#)[Feds Look to Launch Flood Insurance Program Within 12 Months](#)[Halifax Regional Municipality names new poet laureate](#)[Municipal Flood Risk Tool Launched](#)[New Peggys Cove bylaw brought in amid complaints of unfairness](#)[New Tool Will Help Municipalities Plan for Flooding](#)[RCMP members awarded 8% pay hike](#)

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

**Dive into Our 2023 Annual Report!**Exciting news awaits! Our **2023 NSFM Annual Report** is now available for your review. Inside, you'll discover:

- Board and Staff Highlights
- Sustainable Initiatives
- Programs & Services Overview
- Financial Snapshot

Don't miss out on your chance to stay informed and engaged. [Click Here](#)**FCM Budget Analysis**

The [2024 federal budget](#) responded directly to a number of FCM recommendations, notably committing to housing infrastructure investment. Next steps: FCM will continue collaborating with the federal government and our partners in provincial and territorial associations to ensure the best possible success of newly announced programs and funding arrangements. We continue to urge the federal government to convene with provinces, territories, and municipalities to negotiate a modernized permanent funding model, one that would empower our growing communities. [FCM Budget Analysis](#)

The federal government has provided notice with respect to reporting of plastic resins and certain plastic products for the Federal Plastics Registry for 2024, 2025, and 2026. This will require companies to provide information about the lifecycle of plastics in Canada. Information on a large sector of the economy will provide meaningful and standardized data on plastics from production to end-of-life to inform actions to prevent pollution and measure the performance of those already in place. More information: [Plastic Initiatives and Regulations](#)
Email: FPR-RFP@ec.gc.ca

Community Partner Consultations

The Province is holding consultations with community partners to discuss feedback on proposed changes to the *Labour Standards Code* to establish job protection for employees facing a serious illness or injury and to enhance the existing unpaid sick leave provisions for general illness. A backgrounder is available, by request, in relation to proposed changes to address these issues.

- Deadline for feedback: May 31
- More information, questions, responses: cynthia.yazbek@novascotia.ca



Low Carbon Leadership Conference

This interactive workshop-style conference will explore what municipalities and community leaders need to know to proactively plan for and action community and neighbourhood scale low and zero carbon projects in NS.

- June 25 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Inn on Prince, Truro
- \$25 +HST, includes continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments
- [Register here](#)

Presented by:

- NSFM
- Province of NS LCC Program
- FBM Architecture & Interior Design
Planning together toward energy efficient neighbourhoods

FUNDING

Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The NSFM Funding Database is a centralized resource dedicated to our members to help find municipal funding opportunities. A monthly funding update will also be communicated, outlining deadlines and information sessions. Click [here](#) to see the latest updates on the Municipal Funding Database.

- [Trail Engineering Assistance Grant Program](#) is open for applications.
- [Trail Expansion Grant Program](#) will open EOI in September.
- [Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund](#) is expected to open later this year. Municipalities are encouraged to propose ideas and apply.
- [Professional Arts Festivals and Performing Arts Series Presenters – Canada Arts Presentation Fund](#) has been added to the database.
- The deadline is approaching for [Pan-Atlantic Net-zero Community Accelerator Program](#).
- [Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund](#), can be used for fire departments.
- [Active Communities Fund](#) is open.
- [Community Recreation Capital Grant](#) is open.
- [Planning Assistance Program](#) is open.
- [Recreation Community Development Grant](#) is open.
- New [Grant Finder](#) tool for CCTH funding, please share with community groups.
- [Build and Mobilize Foundational Wildland Fire Knowledge](#) is open.
- Tourism Nova Scotia [Emerging Destinations Program](#) is open.

FCM Funding Opportunities

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) offers grants for planning, studies, and pilot projects. Loans are available for capital projects and most recipients receive an additional grant of up to 15% of their loan amount. [More information](#)

PROGRAMS

NFSM/Canoe Furniture

With the **NFSM/Canoe Furniture Program**, you get access to furniture designers and manufacturers recognized as experts in their fields, ensuring some of the best commercial furniture available. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NFSM/Canoe = Local.**
[NFSM Canoe Furniture Program information](#)

NFSM/Canoe MRO Supply

(MRO) supplies are diverse and widely used throughout nearly every corner of nearly every organization. With great suppliers offering enormous catalogues, the NSF/Canoe MRO Program gets you access to what you need. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSF/Canoe = Local.**

[MRO Supply Program - Canoe Procurement Group of Canada](#)

Keep Your Municipality Rolling

From fleet to heavy equipment, and even including specialty uses, the **NSF/Canoe Tire Program** has you covered for all your tire needs. Get quality, brand name tires for vehicles of any size, retread or brand new – all fully trade compliant and at the best pricing available in Canada. NSF and Canoe are now partnering with Kal Tire to deliver excellent pricing and service. [Concerned about high costs in your transit fleet?](#) The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSF/Canoe = Local.**

Tips: How to Save Money on Insurance

We are all looking for ways to be savvier about how we are spending our money. Whether cutting back on eating out or looking at what household expenses could be shaved back, everyone is trying to keep some extra dollars in their wallet. Trying to save money in different areas of your budget? Look over your insurance policies. [Tips on how to save money on your insurance.](#)

Did you know that you can receive exclusive insurance discounts on your personal home and auto insurance through BrokerLink's group insurance program? [More information.](#)

When a BrokerLink group member requests a quote on car or home insurance between January 1 and December 31 they will be entered to win 1 of 4 cash prizes of \$5,000. Next draw period ends June 30! Learn more at www.BrokerLink.ca/contest-rules.

Contact BrokerLink: 1-833-998-3798 or BrokerLink.ca/municipalities-NS

BrokerLink is a program partner of NSF.

WEBINARS

Catch the Replay: Amplifying Climate Awareness Now Available

For those who couldn't join us live for the **Amplifying Climate Awareness Webinar** held on April 24, we've got you covered! The recording of this insightful session is now accessible on the NSF YouTube Channel. To catch up on the discussions simply follow this link: [Click Here](#)

Whether you're a seasoned environmental advocate or new to the climate action scene, this webinar recording offers a wealth of information and inspiration.

You can also access the presentation slides: [Click Here](#)

Stay informed, stay engaged, and together, let's continue to make meaningful strides towards a more sustainable future for our communities.

The Canoe Method of Procurement

The **NSF/Canoe Procurement Program** presents the following one-hour webinar: **The Canoe Way**. Join us for this informative session on group procurement as Tony De Sciscio shares valuable insights on the benefits of Canoe Procurement.

Tony is a Contract Manager for the Canoe Procurement Group, supporting supplier relationships in Eastern and Atlantic Canada. With over two decades of experience in procurement and supply chain management, Tony has honed his skills in public and non-profit group purchasing, mobile and industrial power solutions, and tier 2 auto manufacturing sectors.

- May 2 @ 12 noon
- [Register here](#)

The Health Effects of Wildfire Smoke

Health Canada will present a one-hour webinar about the health effects and protective measures related to wildfire smoke. The one-hour discussion will be led by Maureen Robinson, regional air quality and health specialist for the Atlantic region. Topics include the Air Quality Health Index, protection of indoor spaces, actions to limit personal exposure, health risk communication, setting up cleaner air spaces, considerations for sports and outdoor activities, and where to find the latest Health Canada resources.

- Date: May 8 @ 2 pm
- [Register here](#)

Streamlining Municipal Procurement

The **NSF/Canoe Procurement Program** presents the following webinar: **Streamlining Municipal Procurement: Compliance and Best Practices**. The webinar is tailored for CAOs and municipal procurement professionals and offers insight into developing a straightforward procurement policy framework, emphasizing compliance with key trade agreements (CFTA, NWPTA, and CETA), and effective solicitation strategies. Hosted by Stéphanie Dion, a distinguished procurement professional with 19 years of experience across diverse public sectors in Canada. She currently serves as the procurement manager for the Canoe Procurement Group. Highlights:

- **Who Should Attend:** municipal procurement staff and staff aiming for enhanced compliance, efficiency, and innovation in their processes
- **Date:** May 23 12 noon-1 pm
- [Register now](#)

FEATURED

Know Your ABCs: Applications Open

The Government of Nova Scotia is seeking applicants to serve on agencies, boards, and commissions (ABCs). Apply now apply to volunteer for various roles across more than 140 ABCs, including the Workers' Compensation Board, Apprenticeship Board, and the Labour Board.

- Application deadline: May 22
- More information: NovaScotia.ca/abc

Open House Dates: Offshore Wind Development

Learn about the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in NS, get answers to questions and share thoughts. Sessions are 5 pm-7:30 pm. Refreshments available.

- May 9 - Club des retraités de Chéticamp
- May 23 - Shelburne Community Centre, Shelburne
- May 27 - Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex, Guysborough
- May 29 - Royal Canadian Legion, Sheet Harbour
- June 4 - Pictou County Wellness Centre, New Glasgow
- June 5 -The Arts Sanctuary Centre, Dartmouth

More information, contact: OffshoreWindNS-FolienneExtracotiereNF@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

CMHC Engagement Session: Housing Design Catalogue

The federal government plans to create a catalogue of standardized housing designs and has launched consultations with industry partners. The intent of the initiative is to get homes built faster, more efficiently, and more affordably. Standardized housing designs are expected to reduce the time required for design and construction while supporting new and innovative construction methods. If interested, please attend a one-hour engagement session and come prepared for a technical discussion on the issues and questions outlined in the consultation paper. Written submission welcome.

- More information: catalogue@infc.gc.ca
- Date: May 2 @ 2 pm
- [Register here](#)

RESOURCES

[Winter Municipal Observer](#)

The magazine for the **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities**

[Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The regional magazine for the **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities**



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