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## Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
OF MUNICIPALITIES

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

#### NSFM Board of Directors By-Election

The **By-Election Nominations Committee** is now accepting nominations for the following positions:

One Regional Representative from each the following NSFM Electoral Regions:

- Colchester/Cumberland/Pictou/East Hants
- Valley
- Southwestern Shore

**Nominations will be accepted until February 5**, and shall be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Nominations Committee by e-mailing [info@nsfm.ca](mailto:info@nsfm.ca).

### SEEKING YOUR INPUT!

#### Your involvement Shapes the Success of our Events!

Soon the NSFM conference planning committees will gear up to shape the program content for our upcoming spring and fall conferences.

Your perspective matters! We invite members to contribute suggestions for topics that resonate with your professional development needs. Your insights are invaluable in crafting events that truly meet your expectations.

While we may only be able to accommodate a select few suggestions, rest assured that every input received will be thoughtfully reviewed. Any topics that don't make it to the main events will be considered for engaging webinars or future events.

Send topic suggestions via email directly to [jwebber@nsfm.ca](mailto:jwebber@nsfm.ca) by **January 25**.

#### Share Input on NS Tourism Sector Strategy

The **Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia (TIANS)** and **Tourism Nova Scotia (TNS)** are co-leading the development of a tourism sector strategic plan that will inspire a broader approach to economic growth and quality of life in Nova Scotia. Through engagement, the strategic plan will be a framework to guide actions and investments in the coming years. Industry and community members are invited to share their input at in-person engagement sessions.

**Engagement sessions:** [NS Tourism Strategy](#)

**More information:** [tns@novascotia.ca](mailto:tns@novascotia.ca)

### NEWS

[4 Halifax councillors say they won't be re-offering in the 2024 municipal election](#)

[CBRM, police union reach agreement on wage increases in new contract](#)

[Northwest Arm, haven for boaters, gains protection from infilling](#)

[Nova Scotia Communities Lead Clean Energy Projects](#)

[Heritage designation may not have been enough to save historic Sydney house](#)

[Questioning how N.S. property taxes evaluated](#)

[Why tent cities are becoming more permanent](#)

### FUNDING

#### Unlock Financial Potential for Your Municipality's Empowerment

The **NSFM Funding Database** is centralized resource is dedicated to our members to help find municipal funding opportunities. A monthly funding update will also be communicated, outlining deadlines and information sessions. For upcoming deadlines and information sessions [click here](#)

##### Important Grant Info:

[Enhanced Road Safety Program Transfer Payment Program](#) is open, deadline Feb 8  
*Info session Jan 24 (English), Jan 25 (French)*

[ParticipACTION Community Challenge Grant Program](#) is open, deadline Feb 13

[Sport Fund](#) is open, deadline Feb 15

[Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#) is now open for continuous intake  
[Research and Knowledge Initiative](#) (for housing strategies and research) is open for applications, deadline Feb 9  
[Green Choice Program](#) is now open. Deadline March 4; *Info session on Jan 24*  
[Connect2](#) is now open for EOI, deadline Jan 22  
[Infrastructure and Accessibility Grants](#) - CCTH has opened for the year  
[Green Jobs Initiative](#) is now open, deadline Feb 16  
**Funding Database:** [nsfm.ca/grants](https://nsfm.ca/grants) **More information:** [lmacleod@nsfm.ca](mailto:lmacleod@nsfm.ca)

### FCM Funding Opportunities

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

## PROGRAMS

### HR OnCall from People First HR

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.

- [Click here for the NSFM Subscription](#)
- [Click here for HR OnCall Service Options](#)
- [Click here for HR OnCall FAQs](#)

### Keep Your Municipality Rolling

From fleet to heavy equipment, and even including specialty uses, the **NSFM/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. NSFM and Canoe are now partnering with **Kal Tire** to deliver excellent pricing and service. [Concerned about high costs in your transit fleet?](#)

### Take Your Fleet Further

Through leveraging the combined purchasing power of all member organizations, the **NSFM/Canoe Fuel & Lubricant Program** allows municipalities access to a nationwide network of fuel and lubricant providers at preferred pricing. The program has options for filling up at a nearby gas station, accessing cardlock, or arranging for bulk delivery. How it works:

- Contact Canoe Procurement for a free fuel analysis
- Canoe will provide a report based on the last three months of your fuel invoices versus what you would pay by switching to the program
- Upon confirming your intent to opt into the program, Canoe will provide relevant documents and fuel cards

Click [here](#) for more information

### Waste Management Equipment Program

The **NSFM/Canoe Waste Management Equipment Program** has partnered with leading manufacturers of innovative waste management vehicles and equipment. With a wide variety of suppliers to choose from, you will be able to find the products that meet your specific needs. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Launch: Preferred Insurance Rates for Elected Leaders & Staff

**NSFM is pleased to launch the following program for elected municipal leaders and municipal staff.**

Did you know that you can receive exclusive insurance discounts on your **personal home and auto insurance** through BrokerLink's group insurance program? BrokerLink is proud to provide quality insurance products, expertise, and solutions to our sector. Their dedicated group insurance advisors will compare your coverage options and help get you the most comprehensive coverage at the best value.

[Click here](#) to learn about the program benefits and how BrokerLink can provide you with a **free, no-obligations insurance quote**. They will take the time to answer your questions and make sure you are prepared for any situation.

#### Eligibility:

- Municipal leaders
- Municipal staff
- Family members living in the same household, including spouse/common law spouse, dependents under the age of 21, or 25 (if attending a post secondary institution full time)
- Retirees

**BrokerLink is a program partner of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.**

## WEBINARS

**Audio: Benefits of Natural Infrastructure**

The Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation is an education partner of the **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program**.

## RESOURCES

### [Winter Municipal Observer](#)

The magazine for the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

### [Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The magazine for Atlantic Canadian municipalities



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