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Monday Memo



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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA)

The [“What We Heard” Report](#) for the CNWA legislative review is now available online. The report captures comments received during extensive consultation with Indigenous Peoples, stakeholders, and other orders of government across the country.

Following the “What We Heard” Report's publication, the CNWA legislative review team will finalize its analysis of all comments received and develop the final recommendations. The analysis and recommendations will be reflected in the final report which is due to the Minister of Transport in August, after which it will be tabled in Parliament and then posted online in the fall.

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DMAH Municipal Campaign School

[Registration](#) now open for three interactive, in-person municipal campaign schools. Nova Scotians from underrepresented communities encouraged to participate!

Workshop Details:

- learn from diverse local councillors about the realities of the work
- gain knowledge on getting nominated, building a team, fundraising, and running a campaign
- practice networking, communication, and planning
- identify supports and resources available
- participants can be reimbursed for childcare
- sessions will be held between 10 am-4 pm

Date/Location: July 13 - Shelburne

More information: municipalelections@novascotia.ca

Community Partner Consultations

The Province is holding consultations with community partners to discuss feedback on proposed changes to the *Labour Standards Code* in relation to paid domestic violence leave. This consultation is intended to obtain feedback on proposed changes to the *General Labour Standards Code Regulations* to increase the number of paid days for domestic violence leave from three paid days to five paid days. A backgrounder is available, by request, in relation to proposed changes to address these issues. Feedback can be provided through written submissions or participation in a virtual meeting.

- **Deadline for feedback:** August 26
- **More information, questions, responses:** cynthia.yazbek@novascotia.ca

NEWS

[Calgary's water crisis is a 'wake-up call' for every city in Canada](#)

[Elmsdale's aquatic centre built to withstand once-in-a-century storms - then rain hit](#)

[EverWind pitching up to 404 wind turbines in Guysborough County](#)

[MODL ratifies coastal protection regulations](#)

[No tax hikes in Richmond County](#)

[Open houses on housing: Cape Breton holds public meetings to seek input](#)

[Port Hawkesbury council passes motion for Reeves Street to go back to four lanes](#)

[Owners learning rules around septic tanks the hard way as landfill halts access](#)

[Worried over water capacity, Stewiacke considers halting development](#)

FUNDING

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.

- [Green Industrial Facilities and Manufacturing Program](#) open for both municipally owned utilities and wastewater treatment facilities
- [Digital Museums](#) open
- [Local Leadership for Climate Adaption](#) open
- [Equitable Access to Reading Program](#) open for municipal libraries
- [National AccessAbility Week Funding](#) open
- [Enabling Accessibility Fund- Small Project Component](#) open
- There are information sessions on July 9 & 10
- [Low Carbon Communities](#) is open

New funding opportunity: Intersectoral Action Fund

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is pleased to announce a new [funding opportunity with the Intersectoral Action Fund](#). PHAC is seeking proposals for upstream community-based projects that promote positive change and integrate health, equity, and wellbeing considerations into local decision-making.

FCM Funding Opportunities

FCM has you covered with the right type of project funding. Grants are available 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

The Working Mind

The **Municipal Wellness Program** is committed to creating a culture of health and wellness for municipal employees and elected officials. **The Working Mind** is virtual and interactive training is designed to:

- increase awareness of mental health
- reduce stigma and other barriers to care in the workplace
- encourage mental health conversations
- more information: [Click Here](#)
- Cost: Members \$50; Non-Members \$75

Upcoming Sessions:

- [July 16](#) (for Employees)
- [July 18](#) (for People Leaders)
- [August 13](#) (for People Leaders)
- [August 15](#) (for Employees)

More information, contact: mbower@amans.ca

Fuel & Lubricants

Learn more about the NSFM/Canoe [Bulk](#), [Cardlock](#), [Retail Fuel](#), and [Lubricant](#) programs and how you can leverage each program to your fueling advantage. With a nationwide network of providers, these programs provide fuel and lubricants with unparalleled cost-effectiveness, detailed consumption information, convenient account management, and advanced security features, all designed to enhance your operational efficiency. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Staples Professional: Office Solutions

Through the [NSFM/Canoe Office Supplies Program](#), Staples Professional offers solutions for almost any need, featuring competitive pricing and sustainable options. Learn more about [first aid kit solutions](#). This program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

NSFM/Canoe Keeps Your Fleet Moving

The [NSFM/Canoe Auto Parts Program](#) partners with [NAPA Auto Parts](#) to make your budget go further. NAPA has products designed for both small and large fleet customers with the most extensive coverage in the automotive aftermarket. A national team of fleet specialists are available to support you and your fleet with inventory support, cost analysis, and reporting to ensure that you always understand your investment and where it is going. [NAPA specials this month!](#) The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Next Generation 911

When someone calls 911 in Canada, the caller uses a device to place the call. That device is connected to a wired or wireless originating network. The originating network then passes the call to the 911 service provider. **Avaya** provides solutions for processing 911 calls at two points within this ecosystem. Avaya supports the call centres that answer the calls and the communication systems that may originate the 911 call. Learn more about the changes coming in this [911 Fact Sheet](#) and learn how [Toronto Fire](#) made history with Avaya, migrating to an NG911 solution. Avaya is a partner of the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**.

Insurance Tips: Wildlife Road Safety

Does your auto policy cover animal collisions? If your auto policy includes comprehensive insurance, then you are covered for animal collisions. This coverage

If you only have liability insurance, which primarily covers damage you cause others, you are generally not covered for animal collisions. Always ensure you talk with our insurance advisor and understand what type of coverage you have on your insurance policy. Read about our tips for [Wildlife Road Safety](#). **Rest Assured, BrokerLink has you covered.**

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. [More information](#).

Park'N Fly Discount

The **NSFM/Park'N Fly Discount Program** is now available for elected municipal leaders and municipal staff within the broader municipal sector. Under this program, you can receive an exclusive discount on the services of Park'N Fly for business or leisure travel at their Halifax Stanfield International Airport location and at six other locations across Canada.

With a network that spans coast-to-coast, Park'N Fly is focused on providing customers with cost-effective parking options while enjoying a park happy experience every stay. Reserve your next stay and save. Plus, earn valuable Aeroplan points on every eligible stay. **Park'N Fly offers a discount of up to 20% on airport parking.** [More information](#).

WEBINARS

A Sustainable Future for Your Fleet Vehicles: Recording

Navistar, a partner in the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**, offered a presentation on Navistar's current and future plans for fleet electrification and sustainable transportation. The recording of the webinar, courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#), is available [here](#).

Connecting Climate & Biodiversity: Recording

Joanna Eyquem, **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation**, recently presented on the topic of Connecting Climate and Biodiversity. The presentation discussed how municipalities are getting ready for the increase in extreme weather events. You can listen to the webinar [here](#).

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

Advisors, Vendors, and Education

Are you familiar with the Learning Development Supply Arrangement (LDSA) or Flextrack? Did you know that municipalities can take advantage of the province's standing offer for services in a variety of areas.

Need advice or expertise on topics such as DEI, mindfulness, decision making, or conflict management? The **LDSA** can provide you with a list of course information and available vendors that have an established standing offer with public service bodies.

Flextrack can provide a list of vendors for a variety of service areas which municipalities can contact and award either directly or through a statement of work process. Service areas include learning development, managed business services, and executive search.

Both of these initiatives are approved for use by public service bodies in NS. For more information, please contact staci.macaskill@novascotia.ca or visit [here](#).

RESOURCES

[Summer 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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