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Monday Memo



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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Emergency Preparedness: Persons with Disabilities & Older Adults

The Accessibility Directorate is pleased to invite you to an upcoming virtual panel discussion for public sector bodies around emergency preparedness for individuals with disabilities and older adults. This session will include panelists from a wide range of organizations who will share their expertise with the goal to increase knowledge and understanding on the topic of emergency management and preparedness for persons with disabilities and older adults. Promising practices and information on how to take action at the local level will be discussed.

- **Date:** Wednesday August 21
- **Time:** 1:30 pm-3:30 pm
- **Register** and advise on any accessibility supports [here](#) by **August 7**
- More info or interested in being a panelist, **contact:** Ashley.Gaudet@novascotia.ca
- **Website:** <https://novascotia.ca/accessibility/>

Local Government Certification

New programs and certification in local government are available through Dalhousie University.

- [Parliamentary Governance, Management and Procedure \(Fall 2024\)](#)
- [Executive Presence \(Winter 2025\)](#)
- [Navigating Information and Privacy Protection \(Fall 2024\)](#)
- [Website](#)
- **More information:** Erin.Careless@dal.ca

Provincial Policing Survey

Nova Scotians are asked to share their opinions and perspectives about the current state of policing in the province, as well as their vision of what policing should look like in the future. The Department of Justice has launched an anonymous survey as part of the Province's comprehensive review of policing services. **You are encouraged to complete the [survey](#) and share. Survey deadline: July 31.**

NEWS

[Halifax auditor general says city not properly managing risks, service disruption](#)
[Funding for Municipalities Through Federal Agreement](#)
[Lunenburg Academy roof expenses ignite debate](#)
[Nature Conservancy of Canada receives donation for nature reserve in HRM](#)
[NSFM collaborates on enhanced Emergency Alert system](#)
[N.S. minister criticizes communities for alerts](#)
[N.S. minister says emergency alerts should be issued by municipal units](#)
[Nova Scotia approves funding for CBRM recreation upgrades](#)
[Port Hawkesbury embracing development 'with open arms'](#)
[Town of Antigonish welcomes former M.L.A. as chief administrative officer](#)
['Where do we grow next?': East Hants sees population jump, building permits triple](#)
[Wolfville rallying behind family of flash flood victim](#)
[Wolfville residents urged to heed warnings in severe weather](#)

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.

- The Canada Public Transit Fund has been announced. There are three streams:
[Metro-Region Agreements](#) (Open for EO)
[Baseline Funding](#) (Open for EO)
 Targeted Funding (Comprised of the current [Zero Emission Transit Fund](#) (Open), [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#) (Open) and [Active Transportation Fund](#))
- [Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program](#) has re-opened. Information sessions available.
- New [Canada Community-Building Fund](#) agreement. \$318 million in allocation-based funding for communities over the next five years.
- [Housing Accelerator Fund](#) has re-opened for previous applicants to re-apply.
- [Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Program](#) has re-opened.
- [Access to Justice in Both Official Languages Support Fund](#) is open.

[National/Canada Day running](#), added to the database, is currently closed.

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

Fuel & Lubricants

With a nationwide network of providers, NSFM/Canoe programs provide you with [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.**

Heavy Construction Equipment

Heavy equipment plays a pivotal role on the front line. The **NSFM/Canoe Heavy Construction Equipment Program** offers access to reliable machines, such as graders, bulldozers, excavators, backhoes, loaders, dump trucks, and more, at preferred pricing and fully compliant with trade standards. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Grounds Maintenance

From highway ditch care to green space maintenance, tractors to wide-area flail mowers, the **NSFM/Canoe Grounds Maintenance Program** has partnered with industry leaders to bring innovative solutions to your landscaping challenges. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

NSFM Municipal Group Insurance

NSFM offers a comprehensive and flexible commercial, D&O, and liability insurance program so that municipal units are able to effectively meet the needs of their citizens. Benefits can be summarized as follows:

- Continued evaluation around the quality of the broker services (annual survey) and acting on the results received from participants
- Education and awareness around risk management issues (including inspections which contain hazard recommendations as well as building valuations and contract reviews)
- Guiding participants to control claims by mitigating risks in advance
- Local claims management
- Insurance products specifically aimed at municipal units and the expertise of the service team
- Leveraging the strength of the relationships within the program (insurer, brokers, program sponsor)
- Stability within an unstable landscape
- Strength in numbers

The advantages of the program are best explained by the municipal units participating in the NSFM program:

- Benefit of being part of a larger group
- Communication with fellow municipalities
- Economies of scale
- Insurance provided through a municipal lens
- Not having to tender and plan the program oneself
- Program tailored to small, medium, and large municipalities

In addition, the NSFM program offers value-added education around relevant insurance topics. Have you evaluated your commercial insurance needs recently? Questions about the NSFM program? Contact imorrison@nsfm.ca

Pet Insurance

Did you know that you can receive exclusive insurance discounts on **pet 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. Did you know that over the past two years there has been an increase in **pet ownership**? Learn more about [pet insurance](#) and refer to tips on how to ensure your pets are safe and living their best life.

[Click here](#) to learn about the program benefits and how BrokerLink can provide you with a **free, no-obligations insurance quote**.

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

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: <https://openingminds.org/training/twm/>
- Cost: Members \$50
- Cost: Non-Members \$75

Upcoming Sessions:

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

More information, contact mbower@amans.ca

WEBINARS

Home & Auto Insurance: Recording

Did you miss our webinar on the **NSFM Personal Home & Auto 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. This webinar recording explains how the program works, how access works, and how you, as an elected leader or municipal staffer can benefit from lower insurance rates and value-added education on insurance products. [Click here](#).

Fuel Management: Recording

The **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program** provides you with cost-effective, complaint purchasing options. If you missed the recent Gilbarco webinar, you can still access the recording. The webinar shares case studies on recent fuel management projects, provides details on new technology options coming to the market, and is offered courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#). To view the webinar, click [Gilbarco/Canoe Procurement Group | LAS](#)

Municipal Flood Risk Tool: Recording

Interested in learning more about the Municipal Flood Risk tool and how it can benefit municipalities? Listen to this interview with **Joanna Eyquem**, from the Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation [here](#).

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

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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