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## Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
OF MUNICIPALITIES

### ADVOCACY

#### Expression of Interest

Are you an NSFM member with experience in fishing or related industries? The **NSFM Municipal Infrastructure Committee** is monitoring offshore wind development in NS and would benefit from your expertise. The committee meets quarterly and currently has representation from the District of Yarmouth, Town of Kentville, and CAO support from Town of Amherst. We are tackling municipal infrastructure issues and want to ensure diverse perspectives from across the province are incorporated. Please contact [info@nsfm.ca](mailto:info@nsfm.ca) if you are interested in participating.

### NEW & NOTEWORTHY

#### 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

##### Dates/Locations:

- June 15 - Sydney
- June 22 - Truro
- July 13 - Shelburne

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

#### DMAH Wildfires Info

We are in wildfire season and warm, dry weather makes the risk of wildfires very high. Nova Scotians are asked to do everything they can to prevent wildfires from starting in the first place. We are asking partners if you could take advantage of any opportunities you have to help share wildfire prevention information. We also encourage you to share social media posts from the following accounts:

- [https://twitter.com/NS\\_DNRR](https://twitter.com/NS_DNRR)
- <https://twitter.com/nsgov>
- <https://www.facebook.com/nsgov>
- <https://www.instagram.com/nsgov/?hl=en>

**More information:** <https://novascotia.ca/burnsafe/>

**E-mail:** [Nick.Barr@novascotia.ca](mailto:Nick.Barr@novascotia.ca)

### NEWS

[Argyle warden stands by fast-tracking shellfish farm approvals despite complaints](#)  
[CBRM approves new licensing bylaw for shared dwellings](#)  
[From floor tiles to urinals, making spaces more accessible in N.S. will cost millions](#)  
[N.S. town is working with people with disabilities toward a barrier-free community](#)  
[Antigonish County Surprised with Province's Stance on Coastal Protection](#)  
[Northern Pulp ponders a move to Queens County, say sources](#)

### 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.

1. [Equitable Access to Reading Program](#) is open for municipal libraries.
2. [National AccessAbility Week Funding](#) is open.  
There are information sessions on June 12 & 13.
3. [Enabling Accessibility Fund- Small Project Component](#) is open.  
There are information sessions on June 18, 20, 26, 27. July 9, 10.
4. [Mental Health and Addictions Community Wellness Grant](#) is available for community-based organizations. Municipalities are not eligible applicants, please share with relevant organizations.
5. [Low Carbon Communities](#) is open for applications.
6. [Growing Canada's Community Canopies](#) is open.

- [Provincial Capital Assistance Program](#)
- [Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program](#)
- [Beautification and Streetscaping Program](#)
- [Municipal Innovation Program](#)
- [Emergency Services Provider Fund](#)
- [Community Works Program](#)

### 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

### Firefighting Apparatus

Emergency responders are at the forefront of critical operations and safety during wildfires is paramount. Through the **NSFM/Canoe Firefighting PPE Program**, access top-quality protective equipment that keeps responders safe, at preferred pricing, including bunker gear, hoods, helmets, boots, gloves, and more. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.** [Learn more](#)

### Technology

The world is connected at every level. The **NSFM/Canoe Technology Program** keeps your organization running smoothly with technology solutions including computers, printers, network server equipment, communication software, cloud computing technology, and more, all designed to meet your unique needs. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.** [Learn more](#)

### Fuel & Lubricants

Learn more about the [NSFM/Canoe Fuel & Lubricant program](#) and start **saving money** on your fuel and lubricant purchases. This program provides fuel and lubricants across Canada and has the provision of third-party fuel and oil testing. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Preferred Insurance Rates for Elected Leaders & 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. Thinking about travelling soon? [Travel Tips & Insurance.](#)

### LIFT Fitness

If your municipality or municipal unit is a subscriber to the TELUS Health EAP program, check out the FREE [LIFT Fitness Program.](#)

#### Benefits:

- full suite of FREE fitness offerings that make working out exciting, easy, and efficient
- custom programs created by certified experts to help you reach your goals
- live chat with experienced fitness professionals to help you every step of the way
- just like working out at your gym or studio without ever stepping outside

More information, contact [mbower@amans.ca](mailto: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.](#)

### The Canoe Way: Recording

**NSFM and Canoe Procurement Group** recently hosted a webinar outlining Canoe's operations and its role in public procurement, how suppliers can find opportunities with Canoe, details about Canoe's RFP process, compliance requirements, the benefits for both members and suppliers, and the support provided to approved suppliers post-contract award. Missed the webinar? The [recording](#) and [presentation slides](#) are now available to view.

### Disaster Contingency Planning: Recording

**NSFM and Canoe Procurement Group** recently hosted a webinar providing insight on preparedness and effective disaster response strategies. The link between droughts, wildfires, and floods was explored. The value of proactive disaster

### 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**.

### NS Wildfire Outlook: Recording

Dr. Anabela Bonada, **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation**, speaks with Global News about the potential wildfire risk to the Maritimes. "We just didn't have the precipitation or snowfall events that are needed to control a wildfire season going forward." Watch the video [here](#).

## FEATURED

### 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 5pm-7:30pm. Refreshments available.

- June 4 - Pictou County Wellness Centre, New Glasgow
- June 5 -The Arts Sanctuary Centre, Dartmouth

More information, contact: [OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca)

## 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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