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MondayMemo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
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SUMMER MUNICIPAL OBSERVER MAGAZINE



We are pleased to announce the release of the summer edition of our ***Municipal Observer*** magazine. This issue is packed with insightful articles and valuable updates from across Nova Scotia's municipalities, making it an informative read you won't want to miss. [Read More](#)

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

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/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

Library Funding Review Committee Update

The LFRC held its second meeting on May 24, approving the Communications Plan and Terms of Reference. Key objectives include promoting public libraries' roles, clarifying funding sources, and ensuring transparency. The committee also reviewed research on library collections and technology funding. Upcoming meetings will cover staffing research and discuss next steps. For detailed information, please refer to the full letter [here](#).

NEWS

[Bridgewater receives \\$3M from province to upgrade wastewater systems](#)
[CBRM growing faster than rest of N.S., getting younger in 'extraordinary' change](#)
[CBRM urges province to reverse highway patrol decision](#)
[Neighbour files appeal over controversial Scots Bay campground](#)
[Town of Antigonish reminds about dog park guidelines](#)

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

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

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 [functional deskings solutions](#). This program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Emergency Preparedness Solutions

The [NSFM/Canoe Traffic Supply Program](#) enables municipalities to partner with major traffic sign suppliers, such as **ATS**, for emergencies before disaster strikes. From wildfires to floods, water main breaks, and power outages, having the right emergency preparedness supplies can help you prepare for the unpredictable. [Learn more](#) about how emergency preparedness solutions can support your organization's efforts by customizing cost-effective emergency response solutions to the specific risks associated with your community. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Attention: Procurement Professionals

The [NSFM/Canoe Public Administration Software Program](#) enables municipalities to access the bids&tenders eProcurement platform, simplifying and optimizing your procurement process for convenience and efficiency. Procurement professionals are familiar with the hurdles and inefficiencies in manual processes and outdated systems. Lost paperwork, convoluted email threads, and the constant struggle to ensure compliance are everyday challenges. With eProcurement software, these challenges can become a thing of the past. Checkout the latest [article](#) from bids&tenders that dives into the benefits of eProcurement software and how it can revolutionize your procurement operations.

Tips: How to Save Money on Insurance

We are all looking for ways to be savvier about how we are spending our money these days. Whether cutting back on eating out or looking at what household expenses could be shaved back a little, everyone is trying to keep some extra dollars in their wallet. Trying to save money in different areas of your budget? It is a good idea to also 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? BrokerLink is proud to provide quality insurance products, expertise, and solutions to our sector. [More information.](#)

Program Launch: Park'N Fly Discount Program

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](#)

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](#).

Flood Preparedness

Blair Feltmate discusses the delayed emergency alerts during the fatal 2023 Nova Scotia floods with CBC News and referenced the [2020 report](#) by the **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation** that raised similar concerns.

- Report: [here](#)
- Video: [here](#)

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RESOURCES

[Summer Municipal Observer](#)

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

[Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

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