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Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Member Meeting with Nova Scotia Power

NSFM members are invited to join a zoom meeting with Nova Scotia Power on Wednesday, June 26 from 4:00-5:00 pm. The focus of the meeting will be on the following topics:

- **Vegetation Management** - how NSP works with municipalities
- **Reliability Commitment** - investment, new team in place - regional advisors
- **Storm Prep** - preparing for increased frequency of severe weather events - storm hardening measures
- **Growth** - supporting growth of communities

Joining the call from Nova Scotia Power will be Judith Ferguson, Executive Vice-President of Legal, Regulatory and Government Relations, and Dave Pickles, COO.

What: Zoom Meeting with Nova Scotia Power

When: June 26 from 4:00-5:00 pm

Who: This meeting is open to all members of NSFM & CAO's

How: [Register Here](#) to receive the zoom link

Final Report - Powering Canada: A Blueprint for Success

The Canada Electricity Advisory Council (CEAE) has released its final report *Powering Canada: A Blueprint for Success*, featuring 28 recommendations to achieve Canada's decarbonization goals. The report is available [here](#). The report supports the transition to a net-zero electricity grid. Join the CEAE briefings to learn more:

- French: June 17, 10:30-12 Noon (Atlantic)
- English: June 18, 2:00-3:30 (Atlantic)

To Register: ceac-ccce@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca

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 22 - Truro
- July 13 - Shelburne

More information: municipalelections@novascotia.ca

NEWS

[CAO of Antigonish County resigns](#)

[Halifax staff drafts tent encampments report for council](#)

[Campaign schools to encourage more people to run in municipal elections](#)

[N.S. mayors consider next election cycle amid rising 'hostility'](#)

[New park honours Springhill's mining heritage](#)

[Property taxes going down in Antigonish county](#)

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.

[Local Leadership for Climate Adaption](#) initiative.

*Adaption in action stream. Deadline August 14

- Implementation projects (Capital projects. 60-100% of costs, up to \$1M.)

- Feasibility studies (80-100% of costs up to \$70k)

* Capacity Development Partner Grants. Deadline August 7.

- Helping local governments advance knowledge of climate adaptation.

[Equitable Access to Reading Program](#) is open for municipal libraries.

[National AccessAbility Week Funding](#) is open.

[Enabling Accessibility Fund- Small Project Component](#) is open.

* There are information sessions on June 18, 20, 26, 27. July 9, 10.

[Mental Health and Addictions Community Wellness Grant](#) is available for community-based organizations. Municipalities are not eligible applicants, please share with relevant organizations.

[Low Carbon Communities](#) is open for applications.

[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

NSFM/Canoe Paint Supply

We live in a colourful world, so why limit your projects to shades of grey? With the **Canoe Paint Supply Program**, you can access a wide range of architectural and commercial paint, wall coverings, and tools that will help you get the job done right. Our program is fully trade compliant, cuts through the administrative hassles, and gives you exclusive access to preferential pricing and services. [The program](#) works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

NSFM/Canoe Drone

The **NSFM/Canoe Drone Program** offers you access to innovative technology that can help you from the air, under water, and from other difficult-to-reach places. Procure uncrewed vehicles that can provide precise data collection, infrastructure inspection, maintenance, mapping, and modelling services with ease. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.** [Learn about the NSFM/Canoe Drone Program](#)

NSFM/Canoe MRO Supply

Nuts and bolts. Hammers and wrenches. Safety goggles and construction wear. Cleaning supplies and sanitation solutions. Maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO) supplies are diverse and widely used throughout nearly every corner of nearly every organization. With great suppliers offering enormous catalogues, the **NSFM/Canoe MRO Program** gets you access to what you need. [MRO Supply Program - Canoe Procurement Group of Canada](#) The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

EV Charging Station

As more people are purchasing electric vehicles, be prepared with charging options. The **NSFM/Canoe EV Charging Station Program** will help get charging stations faster, more cost-effectively, and best of all, through a convenient procurement process. The [program](#) works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Auto 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 typically includes damage to your car caused by events out of your control, such as collisions with animals. However, comprehensive auto coverage is not mandatory.

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](#).

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 of 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**.

BrokerLink is a program partner of NSFM.

Program Launch: 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](#)

LIFT Fitness

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

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](#).

EAP for Elected Officials: Recording

Did you miss the recent webinar presented by NSFM and AMANS on the **EAP for Elected Officials**? The webinar discussed how to access and navigate the programs and services offered and provided an overview of the new website and app. The program features an extensive number of tools and resources of benefit to elected leaders. You can view the webinar [here](#).

Exposure to Rising Seas

Coastal communities in Nova Scotia are seeing their exposure to rising seas compounded by loss of sea ice cover, said Joanna Eyquem, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation. “Reduced sea ice cover [in Atlantic Canada] will result in increased wave heights and storm surges during winter,” Eyquem told The Energy Mix, citing the Intact Centre’s report, [Rising Seas and Shifting Sands](#). Read the article: [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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