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Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
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NEWS

[Alert delay in Nova Scotia flood highlights benefits of municipal warning systems](#)
[Bridgewater police to bill province for long hours spent in ERs on mental health calls](#)
[Cape Breton, N.S. governments spending \\$9.5M on water, sewer projects](#)
[CBRM revokes defunct volunteer fire department's registration to deter new startup](#)
[Climate change funding awarded to municipal units, partnership](#)
['I'm a solution-provider': Former Cape Breton mayor seeking another shot at the chair](#)
[Let Antigonish Decide discontinue appeal over consolidation court ruling](#)
[No internet, no phone: Canada wildfires expose fragility of rural infrastructure](#)
[N.S. public works minister on Chignecto Isthmus](#)

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

SAVE THE DATE - New Councillor Training and Orientation - November 4 and 5, at the Halifax Convention Centre

Municipal Elections are coming this fall and as has been custom, the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing will be offering a training and orientation program for new and returning elected officials. **Please save the dates of November 4 and 5 in your calendars.** The sessions will begin at 12:00 noon on the 4th and conclude at 4:00pm on the 5th. To learn more [Click Here](#)

Community Partner Consultations

The Province is holding consultations with community partners to discuss feedback on proposed changes to the *Labour Standards Code* to establish job protection for employees facing a serious illness or injury and to enhance the existing unpaid sick leave provisions for general illness. A backgrounder is available, by request, in relation to proposed changes to address these issues.

- **Deadline for feedback:** May 31
- **More information, questions, responses:** cynthia.yazbek@novascotia.ca



Low Carbon Leadership Conference

This interactive workshop-style conference will explore what municipalities and community leaders need to know to proactively plan for and action community and neighbourhood scale low and zero carbon projects in NS.

- June 25 9:00am - 4:30pm
- Inn on Prince, Truro
- \$25 +HST, includes continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments
- [Register here](#)

Presented by:

- NSFM
- Province of NS LCC Program
- FBM Architecture & Interior Design
- Theme: Planning together toward energy efficient neighbourhoods

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.

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

[Funding for tree planting](#) now available through FCM.

The [Sustainable Affordable Housing](#) grant through FCM has been increased.

DMAH Programs are now open:

- [Provincial Capital Assistance Program](#)
- [Pool Risk Insurance Investment Program](#)

- [Beautification and Streetscaping Program](#)
- [Municipal Innovation Program](#)
- [Emergency Services Provider Fund](#)
- [Community Works Program](#)

[Trail Engineering Assistance Grant Program](#) is open for applications.

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

NSFM/Canoe Supplier List

We strive to continually provide a wide range of procurement options to our membership. Here is the latest list of [new suppliers](#) and recently renewed contracts with current suppliers. Approved suppliers are selected through an open RFP process that follows a successful proposal evaluation and contract award. This updated list will help keep members informed of changes. Do you need help finding cost-effective products and services and would you like to learn more about using [Canoe Procurement](#)? The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.** Canoe Procurement is a program partner of NSFM.

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**.

Grounds Maintenance Program

From highway ditch care to greenspace 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 Program

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. 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

Home Insurance Tips: Backyard Pools

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. As temperatures begin to rise it is a good signal to start preparations for getting your backyard pool ready for the warmer weather. Have a pool or thinking about one? Read the [Pool Owners Guide](#) to insurance.

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.](#)

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.

- May 29 - Royal Canadian Legion, Sheet Harbour
- June 4 - Pictou County Wellness Centre, New Glasgow
- June 5 -The Arts Sanctuary Centre, Dartmouth

More information, contact: OffshoreWindNS-FolienneExtracotiereNE@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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