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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
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2024 NSFM FALL CONFERENCE



Municipal Code of Conduct Training Sessions

Registration: Municipal Code of Conduct Sessions

NSFM encourages all municipal elected officials to attend the in-person Code of Conduct training sessions scheduled for January 2025. These sessions offer **valuable supplementary information** on the Code of Conduct.

Please note that a **mandatory online training module** will be available in early 2025. Additional details on the online module will be provided in the coming weeks.

[Click here](#) to find the schedule and [click here](#) for your electoral region.

Register today!

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Notice of Proposed By-law Changes

The NSFM Board of Directors is recommending by-law changes to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on November 28th, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The proposed changes include:

- [Motion 1](#): Amend Quorum Language (Subsection 6.4 d)
- [Motion 2](#): Amend Board Expenses Language (Subsection 5.9)

[Click here](#) to review the by-laws with proposed amendments.

For questions contact: info@nsfm.ca.

NEWS

[Antigonish ready for festive fun at Santa Claus parade](#)

[Barrington's new recreation centre aiming to open next summer](#)

[Bridgewater and Lunenburg select Deputy Mayors](#)

[Halifax climate plan HalifACT 'at risk' of failing](#)

[Halifax's new mayor talks traffic problems, future additional encampment sites](#)

[Hordes of giant rats are a problem, say Cape Breton residents](#)

[N.S. government, railway company settle lengthy legal battle over Hantsport aboiteau](#)

[Shelburne hosting accessibility engagement sessions](#)

[Town to remove gunk from Antigonish sewage plant to rid of awful smell](#)

[Town of Yarmouth to make public transit system free for all](#)

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.

- [Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund](#) is open
- - Info Session November 27
 - To register, email chifwebinar-webinairefcil@inc.gc.ca
- [National Crime Prevention Strategy](#) is open for municipal police services, boards or police commissions, and municipal and regional governments.
 - Info session November 26
 - To register email ncps-snpc@ps-sp.gc.ca
- [Digital Content Marketing Program](#) for tourism is open
- [Codes Acceleration Fund](#) is open
- [Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Program](#), Anti-Racism Project stream is open
- [Wawanesa's Community Wildfire Prevention Grants](#) is open
- [Celebrate Canada funding program](#) is open
- Employer applications are now open for the [Indigenous Wage Subsidy Initiative](#).
- [Tremendous Communities](#) is open
- [Infectious Disease and Climate Change Fund](#) is open, closing soon
- [Canada Retraining and Opportunities Initiative](#) is open for communities experiencing mass lay off(s)

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

Maximum Efficiency with the Trazer Truck Utility System

The [NSFM/Canoe Fleet Upfitting Program](#) provides products, installation, and service from some of the best suppliers in the country and solutions for your entire fleet are at your fingertips. The Expertec [Trazer Truck Utility System](#) can transform fleet efficiency for municipalities and public works. Designed to maximize the functionality of each vehicle, this system enables quick shifts between tasks and reduces downtime. With its adaptable setup, the system allows for more streamlined, cost-effective operations, making it an ideal solution for any fleet looking to enhance productivity. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support.

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RFP vs. ITT

RFPs are ideal when organizations need innovative solutions for complex needs, prioritizing quality, and expertise over cost alone. In contrast, ITTs are used for clear, specific requirements where price is the primary factor, with the lowest bid often winning. Knowing when to use each method helps organizations maintain transparency, competitiveness, and flexibility in procurement. In this [article](#), discover the distinct roles of a request for proposal versus an invitation to tender.

Staples Professional: Facility Solutions

The [NSFM/Canoe Office Supply Program](#) is a one-stop shop for all office supplies. [Staples Professional](#) has been selected as an authorized Apple Education Reseller. Now Apple will transition to selling exclusively through approved resellers. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support.

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Insurance Tips: Protect Your Home While Away

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 vsector. Their dedicated group insurance advisors will compare your coverage options and help get you the most comprehensive coverage at the best value. [More information.](#)

Going away and leaving your house for extended periods of time can be risky, especially if you do not take proper precautions. To keep your home safe and secure and the grinchies out while you are away, refer to our guide on [How to Protect Your Home While You are Away.](#)

Park'N Fly @ 50

The [NSFM/Park'N Fly Discount Program](#) is available for elected municipal leaders and municipal staff within the broader municipal sector. For 50 years, Park'N Fly has proudly been a part of the Canadian travel industry, supporting countless journeys with reliable, convenient, and cost-effective parking solutions. To celebrate, we are excited to introduce the Park'N Fly 50th Anniversary Sweepstakes. Until December 10, travelers can enter for the chance to win 1 of 5 exciting travel prizes. [Enter here](#)

EAP for Elected Officials

While we often have the skills to manage our daily lives, unexpected challenges can arise that require additional support. Do you know what your Assistance Program covers and how to access its services? This webinar will provide an overview of program offerings, along with a live demonstration of the website and app. The Municipal Wellness Program is dedicated to fostering a culture of health and wellness for municipal employees and elected officials.

- December 4
- 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- [Register Here](#)
- **Host:** Melanie Bower, Municipal Wellness Program Coordinator
- **Facilitator:** Kerri Farell, Customer Success Manager, TELUS Health

Working With Nature As Normal

Joanna Eyquem, Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation, will discuss progress in mainstreaming consideration of nature-based solutions, including strategic approaches, technical guidance, and integration in municipal management and financial reporting as part of the land Adapt continuing education program for Canadian landscape architects.

- December 12 @ 3:00 pm
- [Register here](#)

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

Canoe 101: Recording

The **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program** provides you with cost-effective, compliant purchasing options. If you missed the recent Canoe101 webinar, you can still access the recording. The webinar gives an overview of how the [Canoe Procurement Group](#) can save you time and money in purchasing and is offered courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#). To view the webinar, click [here](#).

Contract & Procurement Fraud: Recording

Did you miss the recent session presented by the **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program** on Contract & Procurement Fraud? The webinar, presented by Régina MacInnis and Rey Richards from the province's Internal Audit Centre discussed the knowledge and skills necessary to identify, prevent, and mitigate fraudulent activities within operational realities. Access the [slide deck](#) and listen to the [webinar](#).

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**

[Fall/Winter Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The magazine for the **Atlantic Region of Municipalities**



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