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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

2024 NSFM FALL CONFERENCE



Share Your Municipality's Seasonal Photos!

NSFM is calling on all municipalities to showcase the beauty of their communities in the winter season! We're looking for stunning seasonal images to be featured in our **Holiday Card**, and potentially on the **NSFM Website**, across our **Social Media Channels** (LinkedIn, Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram), and in **publications** like **NSFM's Annual Report**, the **Municipal Observer**, and **Atlantic Municipal Magazine**.

How to Participate: Submit your best seasonal photos (hi-resolution/300dpi) by **4 pm on Friday, November 8** to: communication@nsfm.ca

All entries (1 per person) will be entered into a draw for **1 Free Registration to NSFM's Fall Conference**, valued at **\$750!**

Show off the charm of your municipality and get a chance to win while spreading holiday cheer across Nova Scotia!

NSFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Nominate Your Leaders: Insights from Current Board Members

The 2024 Nominations Committee is now accepting nominations for key leadership positions within the NSFM Board of Directors: **President**, **Vice President**, and **Regional Representatives** for each [NSFM Electoral Region](#). [Click here](#) for more information and the [Nomination Form](#).

Nominations will be accepted until November 1.

Watch as [Belle Hatfield](#) and [Paul Russell](#), current Board members, share their experiences and discuss the crucial work being done to shape the future of our municipalities, and to view their videos.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



NSFM welcomes Julia Purcell as the new Flood Adaptation Facilitator

With a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in environmental science and physical geography, Julia brings expertise in hydrodynamic modeling, flood management, and project coordination. She has worked with Indigenous communities in the Atlantic region, focusing on building capacity to address environmental challenges. Julia is passionate about engaging stakeholders on climate change and flood adaptation solutions. Julia joined NSFM on September 3, 2024, and will be working with elected officials and practitioners to assist municipalities with flood adaptation.

Canada Roadmap

Public engagement on the draft Accessible Canada Roadmap is now open! The Accessible Canada Act (ACA) aims for a barrier-free Canada by 2040. To achieve this, they need a collective national effort and your feedback to ensure the Roadmap reflects the needs of the disability community.

You can provide feedback until January 8, 2025.

Webinars will be held in November to share more information.

For questions, contact: ACCESSIBLE.CANADA.DIRECTORATE-DIRECTION.CANADA.ACCESSIBLE@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca.

NEWS

[Longtime Truro mayor stepping away from politics](#)

[Mayor's annual welcome event in Sydney, N.S.](#)

[New regulations on N.S. short-term rentals in effect Monday](#)

[Nova Scotia puts almost \\$22 million toward energy efficient housing programs](#)

[Political cartoon about Halifax mayoral race draws ire for using image of monkey](#)

FUNDING

Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The NSFМ 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.

- [Age-Friendly Communities Grant Program](#) is now open for applications.
- The application period is now open for three components of the [Museums Assistance Program](#).
- [Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk](#) is open.
- [National Anti-Racism Fund](#), Project Grants are open for EOI.
- [Medavie Foundation](#) grants are now open.
- [Local Food Infrastructure Fund](#) is now open.
- Intact has a [Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant Program](#) open for applications.
- A new page "[Retrofits and New Builds](#)" has been added to the Municipal Funding Database.

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

EMS Supply

The [NSFM/Canoe EMS Supply Program](#) provides products ranging from defibrillators to powered loaders and stretchers. The program leverages the buying power of all member organizations to provide the solutions needed to equip your organization with the emergency products you need. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

NSFM/Canoe Playground Supply

Recreation spaces knit communities together. Whether building a new playground, developing a spray park, creating outdoor fitness options, or even upgrading an existing play space, the [NSFM/Canoe Playground Supply Program](#) can help find quality products and competitive prices for every municipal unit. Benefits include:

- Access to a wide range of products and services
- Already tendered on your behalf
- Fully compliant with CETA, CFTA, NWPTA, and other relevant trade legislation
- Preferential pricing and service

The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support.

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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.

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Insurance Tips: Essential Fall Checklist

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. [More information](#).

Park'N Fly Discount

The **NSFM/Park'N Fly Discount Program** is 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. 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](#)

WEBINARS

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](#).

FOIPOP Engagement Session: Recording

Did you miss the recent engagement session presented by **NSFM** on prospective FOIPOP changes? The province is undertaking a review of Nova Scotia's access and privacy legislative framework. The FOIPOP Working Group hosted an online engagement session with elected municipal officials and staff to gauge feedback. View to the webinar [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](#).

RESOURCES

[Summer Municipal Observer](#)

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

[Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

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



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