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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES



To newly elected and re-elected municipal officials

Thank you!
FOR YOUR SERVICE

All outgoing municipal officials

This [CBC article](#) includes links to the websites of all municipalities, where local results can be viewed.

2024 NSFM FALL CONFERENCE



[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PROGRAM & REGISTER](#)

The full program and registration details are found on the conference site.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE!

This year's conference marks an important gathering, as it will be the first NSFM event following the October municipal elections. It offers a unique opportunity for newly formed councils to come together with returning leaders, government officials, and experts to address the pressing issues impacting our communities.



The program includes:

- A keynote presentation by Olympic gold medalist and host of Amazing Race Canada Jon Montgomery.
- Panels and sessions on renewable energy, policing, governance, cybersecurity, Roberts Rules of Order, and much more.
- Networking sessions, exhibitor showcases, and discussions with political leaders.

We encourage all elected, both new and returning, to participate in this vital forum for collaboration and to engage with peers on solutions that will shape the future of municipal governance.

SEASONAL PHOTO CONTEST

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: communications@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!

Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Municipal Code of Conduct In-Person Training Sessions

NSFM encourages all municipal elected officials to attend the in-person **Code of Conduct** training sessions scheduled for January 2025. These sessions will provide important information regarding the Code of Conduct. Registration details will be shared soon.

Additionally, a mandatory online training module will be available early in 2025. Watch for more information coming on this in the coming weeks.

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

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

Municipal Election Results

Nova Scotia's municipal elections were held on Saturday October 19. Election results can be viewed [here](#).

Banking on Your Energy Transition: Net-Zero Project Workshop

Join Quest Canada November 25-26 in Halifax for a free workshop at Nova Scotia Power, focused on advancing net-zero projects in your community. Travel and accommodation expenses are fully reimbursed.

Connect with experts, funders, and peers to refine projects such as solar, energy retrofits, PACE, and EVs. Expect lectures, group work, and networking.

Pre-workshop, participants will develop a project summary with expert guidance.

Event Details:

Dates: Nov. 25 (9 AM–4:30 PM) & Nov. 26 (9 AM–1 PM)

Location: Nova Scotia Power, 1223 Lower Water St., Halifax

Learn More: Attend info sessions on Oct. 18 at 11 AM or Oct. 21 at 1 PM.

To Registration / More Info: [HERE](#)

NEWS

[Centennial Bridge repair work underway](#)

[Construction begins on wastewater treatment plan in Inverness County](#)

[Disaster debris management plan for CBRM will help with weather-related events](#)

[Halifax mayor gets lifetime supply of donairs](#)

[Ottawa wants to offload this office building, NS wants it to house homeless people](#)

[Province Funds CBRM Disaster Debris Cleanup Plan](#)

[Qs of N.S.'s capabilities to protect vulnerable people arise amid hurricane season](#)

[Retreat from the coast: NS to move iconic road to adapt to climate change](#)

[Suspension of ferry to N.B. has Digby worried about economic losses](#)

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 - Climate-Ready Plans and Processes](#) is now open
- [Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program](#) is accepting EOI for the Utility Support Stream

- [Canoe Acceleration Fund](#) is open
- [Canoe Acceleration Fund](#) 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 for applications
- 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
- [Emergency Treatment Fund](#) 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

Truck Program

Whether you are transporting freight, construction materials, scrap, or hazardous goods, you need tough, reliable equipment. The [NSFM/Canoe Truck Program](#) provides plenty of choice and has you covered with trucks you can trust for even the biggest jobs, all sourced from top suppliers at the preferential rates. Get what you need through a simplified procurement process and competitive rates. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

NSFM/Canoe Supplier List: Updated

The program strives to continually provide a wide range of procurement options to members. 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. 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.**

NSFM/Canoe Equipment Rental

The [NSFM/Canoe Equipment Rental Program](#) gives you access to cost-effective ways to access a huge variety of tools. With a network of top suppliers and an extensive catalogue including everything from aerial lifts and power generators to pickup trucks and earthmoving vehicles, there is something for every need. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support.

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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.](#)

The season is changing and besides gearing up for cozy sweaters and pumpkin spiced lattes, there is much to do to get ready for fall and winter. Please refer to our [Essential Fall Checklist](#).

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

Ask Canoe Anything!

Join Canoe on October 30 for an open mic webinar exclusively for **elected leaders and municipal staff** where Canoe regional representatives, including Andy Saxby, Ainsley Murdock, Kim Thiessen, Ryan Yavis, and Sarah Hubble, alongside other Canoe team members, will be on hand to answer all your questions around the **NSFM/Canoe Program**. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local. Register [here](#).**

Construction Procurement

NSFM/Canoe-approved supplier, Gordian, and the NIGP will host a joint webinar on Thursday October 31, on the latest trends and challenges in Canadian construction procurement. The session will cover best practices to drive efficiency and value in every project, share insights into optimizing procurement strategies, and highlight real-world expertise from leaders in the field. **Register [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

Fire Weather Projections

The Canadian Centre for Climate Services is presenting a webinar on the new **Fire Weather Projections App**: [Fire Weather – ClimateData.ca](#) Topics for discussion:

- How to access future climate data
- Understanding the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System (FWI)
- Understanding the six index system components, season length, weather severity, and intensity
- Understanding how the app was developed and how it can be used
- Questions/answers
- November 6 @ 2 pm (Atlantic)
- **Register [here](#)**

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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