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Monday Memo



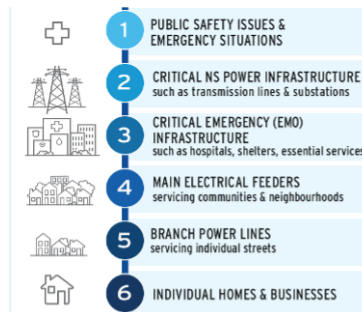
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OF MUNICIPALITIES

STORM READINESS

Storm Preparedness and Priorities of Restoration

Join us for our NSFM Webinar on Storm Preparedness

- **Date:** Thursday, September 12
- **Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Free to all NSFM and AMANS members
- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- [LEARN MORE](#)



2024 NSFM FALL CONFERENCE

Leading with *Integrity*
and *Vision*

NSFM Conference
November 26th - 29th, 2024 • Halifax, NS

The NSFM Conference is the largest annual gathering of municipal elected officials and municipal staff in the province. Attendees will participate in sessions, discussions, panels, and other educational and networking opportunities focusing on topics such as emergency management, good governance, renewable energy, policing and much more. Our keynote speaker, Jon Montgomery, host of Amazing Race Canada and Gold Medalist, will speak on Innovation and Realism, and the party leaders have been invited for fireside chats to share their vision for our province. This is a particularly important time, just after the municipal elections, to network with your fellow municipal colleagues.

NSFM is pleased to announce Nova Scotia Power as the 2024 Presenting Sponsor.



See an important message from Nova Scotia Power [HERE](#).

Help NSP strengthen their relationship with your communities by completing this [SHORT SURVEY](#).

Watch for more information and registration details coming later this week!

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Offshore Wind Development

The Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia has posted a [2024 Spring Engagement Program – What We Heard Summary](#). This summary outlines what was heard during engagement sessions held in April, May, and June. The findings outlined in this document will be incorporated into the Final Report. The Committee continued to meet regularly with the Secretariat in July with a focus on planning the draft Final Report and organizing meetings with participants. The Committee invites all stakeholders with information and interests related to the Regional Assessment to reach out.

- [Public Commenting Tool](#)
- More information, contact: OffshoreWindNS-FolienneExtracotiereNF@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

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.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Things To Know Before You Run For Municipal Office in 2024

Thinking about running for municipal office this year? NSFM has you covered! We've developed a comprehensive tool designed to help prospective candidates understand what it takes to serve their communities effectively. [CLICK HERE](#)

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Register for the Municipal Climate Learning Group

Clean Foundation's Community Climate Capacity (CCC) program is offering enhanced climate action support to municipalities across Nova Scotia through the new Municipal Climate Learning Group (MCLG). By registering, municipalities will gain access to tools and resources designed to support local climate and sustainability efforts, including:

- Regular climate-focused info sessions
- Specialist coaching from experts in mitigation, adaptation, policy, and funding applications
- Opportunities for knowledge-sharing and collaboration
- Priority access to CCC Summit tickets.

[REGISTER HERE](#) to gain access to MCLG resources and coaching. The MCLG is open to municipal administrators, staff, and elected officials. The first monthly coaching call is scheduled for **September 26**.

FOIPOP Act Review: Engagement with NSFM

The province is undertaking a review of Nova Scotia's access and privacy legislative framework. The FOIPOP Working Group carrying out the review is hosting a one-hour online engagement session to gauge feedback. NSFM elected officials and relevant staff responsible for access and privacy are invited to attend and share perspectives on potential changes to the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(nslegislature.ca\)](#) and the [Municipal Government Act \(nslegislature.ca\)](#)

- **Session date:** September 17 @ 3 pm
- **To attend:** Check your inbox for meeting invite
- **Missing your invite? Contact:** imorrison@nsfm.ca

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Invitation to Community Group Leaders

The Nova Scotia Guard invites community group leaders to join one of three online information sessions to learn about collaborating during emergencies. The sessions will cover the Guard's role, how community groups can contribute, and registration details. Registration is required. Session Dates:

- September 12: [Register here](#)
- September 19: [Register here](#)
- September 26: [Register here](#)

NEWS

[Bridgewater ready to move forward with \\$69.4M wastewater upgrades](#)
[CBRM water utility seeks approval to spend up to \\$1.1M on private land purchases](#)
[Government extends Halifax Forum shelter for another year](#)
[Kentville residents hope a road that threatened old-growth forest will be rerouted](#)

[Sewer testing to produce non-harmful smoke in Shelburne](#)

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.

1. The new [Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund](#) will invest in water, wastewater, stormwater and solid waste infrastructure. Anticipated launch Fall of 2024, website currently not available.
 - NSFM has scheduled a meeting with the fund on **Sept. 17th @ 2:00-2:45 AST**.
 - Please email fundnavigator@nsfm.ca if you would like to attend.
 - The meeting will provide an overview of the program, including program objectives, funding streams, parameters, and associated timelines
2. Provincial [Clean Fuels Fund](#) has opened. The fund can provide municipalities funding to replace traditional fossil fuels with cleaner fuels for heating, transportation and industrial processes.
3. [Recreation Trail Expansion](#) and [Off-Highway Infrastructure Fund](#) is now open.
4. [Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program](#) 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 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 Keeps Your Fleet Moving

Did you know that NSFM/Canoe Procurement help lower maintenance costs by providing products with exceptional mileage performance at competitive prices? [NSFM/Canoe Tire Program](#) partners with Michelin to make your budget go further and to lower maintenance costs for municipal units. [Learn more!](#)
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NSFM/Canoe Playground Supply Program

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. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Insurance Tips: Understanding Your Policy

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](#).

Reviewing and understanding an insurance contract is very important. As an insured, you should have a clear grasp on how your insurance policies work and what they contain. Whether buying personal or business insurance, there are a few key reasons why understanding your policy is necessary. Please refer to our [Tips on Deciphering Your Insurance Policy](#).

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

WEBINARS

FCM Hosts: Climate Data in Action - Strengthening municipal adaptation initiatives

Discover how climate data can drive your municipality's adaptation initiatives. As key players in climate adaptation, municipalities across Canada are uniquely positioned to leverage climate data to strengthen adaptation efforts. This one-hour webinar will explore how climate data can inform and support your municipality's climate adaptation efforts.

Date: September 19 @ 02:00-3:00 pm ET

[Register Here](#)

An Introduction to Contract and Procurement Fraud

The **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program** presents the following one-hour webinar: An Introduction to Contract and Procurement Fraud. The webinar, presented by Régina Fox (MacInnis) and Rey Richards from the province's Internal Audit Centre, will discuss knowledge and skills necessary to identify, prevent, and mitigate fraudulent activities within operational realities.

- Comprehend contract and procurement fraud
- Spot fraudulent activities
- Apply detection techniques
- Establish prevention and control measures
- Promote transparency
- September 25 @ 2:00 pm
- Register [here](#)

Unlock Funding for EV Infrastructure with ZEVIP: Recording

NSFM, Canoe Procurement Group, Petro-Service, and Flo recently hosted a webinar for those looking to accelerate EV adoption using the last round of Natural Resources Canada's Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP). Did you miss the event which outlined how to access funding at 50% of total EV project costs? You can view the webinar [here](#).

RESOURCES

[Summer Municipal Observer](#)

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

[Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

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



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