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Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

2024 NSFM FALL CONFERENCE

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

Session Spotlight

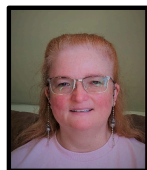
Cybersecurity in Action: Practical Strategies for Elected Officials

Laura and Stephen Franks will provide elected officials with actionable guidance on managing cybersecurity risks in their day-to-day responsibilities. They will spotlight the most pressing cyber threats and give clear, practical steps for identifying risks, protecting sensitive data, and ensuring municipal resilience.

Key Takeaways:

- **Cyber Hygiene for Leaders:** Learn simple, daily practices to reduce your personal cyber risks, such as using strong passwords, enabling multi-factor authentication, and recognizing phishing attempts.
- **Monitor Your Municipality's Vulnerabilities:** Understand how to spot warning signs of cybersecurity gaps within your municipality, whether in digital infrastructure, data management, or vendor practices.
- **Informed Decision-Making:** Get tips on asking the right questions about cybersecurity during council meetings, budget discussions, and when approving new technologies or services.
- **Lead by Example:** Explore how you can set the tone for a security-conscious culture within your municipality, from promoting staff training to advocating for regular security audits and strong incident response protocols.

This session will help you integrate cybersecurity awareness into your daily decision-making and leadership. By staying vigilant and informed, you can better protect your municipality from cyber risks and safeguard the trust and data of your constituents.



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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,**

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

Fall 2024 ABC Advertising Campaign

The Government of Nova Scotia is seeking diverse individuals to serve on agencies, boards, and commissions (ABCs). It's a great opportunity to contribute to your community and expand your network. Explore openings on boards like the Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Council, Labour Board, and more. Applications for adjudicative board positions are due by **October 22, 2024**, while non-adjudicative positions are open year-round. Learn more and apply at NovaScotia.ca/abc or call 902-424-4877.

Preventing Harassment in the Workplace

The engagements on Preventing Harassment in the Workplace have concluded. The **What We Heard Report** highlights the themes that were shared during these engagements held across the province. We have already acted based on the feedback provided and there is more to come to support psychologically safer and healthier workplaces in Nova Scotia. Refer to the information below:

- [Engagement Website](#)
- [What We Heard Report](#)
- More information: SafetyBranch@novascotia.ca

NEWS

[Downtown Sydney businesses benefiting from crowds of visitors](#)
[Lunenburg approves funding for bandstand repairs](#)
[New freeway between Lower Sackville and Dartmouth, N.S., delayed again](#)
[Nine candidates vying to be mayor of CBRM](#)
[Nova Scotia updates policing standards for the first time since 2003](#)
[Nova Scotia wants to set up regional centres to help during emergencies](#)
[Ottawa threatens to pull funds for Chignecto Isthmus if N.B., N.S. don't partner](#)

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.

- The **Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund info** session/meeting has been rescheduled.
 - It will take place on **October 1st, 11:00- 11:45 AM AST**.
 - Please email fundnavigator@nsfm.ca if you would like to attend.
- [Age-Friendly Communities Grant Program](#) is now open for applications.
- The application period is now open for three components of the [Museums Assistance Program](#):
 - Access to Heritage
 - Collections Management
 - Indigenous Heritage
- [Indigenous Wage Subsidy Initiative](#), connects employees & employers, register now.
- Inact has a [Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant Program](#) open for applications.
- [National Housing Strategy Solutions Labs](#) is seeking proposals.

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

Equipment Rental Program

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 truly something for every need. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Tire Promotion for Municipalities

[Concerned about high tire costs?](#) From fleet to heavy equipment, and even including specialty uses, the [NSFM/Canoe Tire Program](#) has you covered for all your tire needs. Get quality, brand name tires for vehicles of any size, retread or brand new,

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Keep Your Fleet Moving

The [NSFM/Canoe Auto Parts Program](#) partners with **NAPA Auto Parts** to make your budget go further. NAPA has programs designed for both small and large fleet customers with the most extensive coverage in the automotive aftermarket. A national team of fleet specialists are available to support you and your fleet with inventory support, cost analysis, and reporting to ensure that you always understand your spend and where it is going. [Learn more!](#) The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Insurance Tips: Protecting Your Data

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.](#)

Sharing information online can be fun, especially on social media where you want to keep your friends and family updated with what is going on in your life. Always be careful what, how much, and with whom you share. Please refer to our tips on [Cybersecurity and Protecting Your Data.](#)

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

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. Listen to the webinar [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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