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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

INTRODUCING NSFM'S NEW PODCAST SERIES!

NSFM Podcast Series Debut

We are excited to announce the launch of NSFM's **new podcast series**, featuring candid conversations with Nova Scotia's Mayors and Wardens! These exclusive interviews, recorded during the 2024 Fall Conference, offer an inside look at the insights, challenges, and successes of municipal leaders shaping our communities.

The first episode, featuring **Pam Mood NSFM President** and **Mayor Town of Yarmouth**, is now live!



What to Expect:

Pam shares her leadership insights and discusses the reasoning behind the town's recently expanded transit service, which is now not only free for riders to use but has been extended to the nearby Wasoqpa'q First Nation.

Don't Miss Out! Visit our [NSFM Podcast Series](#) to listen to [Episode 1](#) and stay tuned for new episodes released weekly!

Join the Conversation: Share thoughts and favorite moments using [#NSFMPodcast](#) and [#MunicipalVoices](#) on social media.

Let's celebrate the incredible work happening in our municipalities—one podcast at a time!

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING SESSIONS

Don't miss out on the in-person Municipal CoC Training

NSFM invites all municipal elected officials and village commissioners to register for the upcoming **in-person Code of Conduct training sessions** this month. These sessions are a valuable opportunity to deepen your understanding of the updated Code of Conduct and equip you with insights to excel as municipal leaders.

While in-person training is not mandatory, it serves as an excellent complement to the mandatory online training module launching in February. The January sessions will be interactive, offering a platform to engage directly with the facilitator and address your questions. There are still three sessions coming up to register for if interested.

Mandatory Online Training Module:

Emails will be sent to all elected officials and village commissioners the last week of January which include a link to a registration form required by NSCC (partnering with NSFM in running the module). NSCC will be sending login information to the module based off those registrations. The goal is to launch the online module early in February. We will keep everyone advised of any adjustments or developments. Stay tuned!

⚠️ Don't Miss Out!

🔗 [View the Training Schedule](#)

🔗 [Find Your Electoral Region](#)

🕒 [Register Now to Secure Your Spot!](#)

NSFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY-ELECTION

Nominate Reps for the Cape Breton Strait & Valley Regions

The 2025 Nominations Committee is now accepting nominations for leadership positions within the NSFM Board of Directors for Representatives in the Cape Breton Strait & Valley Regions [NSFM Electoral Region](#). [Click here](#) for more information and the [Nomination Form](#).

Nominations will be accepted until January 20 at 4:00 pm.

Watch current Board member [Belle Hatfield](#) as she shares her experiences and discusses the crucial work being done to shape the future of our municipalities.

NSFM REGIONAL PROFILE

South Shore Region

- District of Chester
- District of Lunenburg
- Region of Queens Municipality
- Town of Bridgewater
- Town of Lunenburg
- Town of Mahone Bay

The representatives on the **Board of Directors** for this region are:

- **Deputy Mayor Maddie Charlton:** mcharlton@regionofqueens.com
- **Deputy Mayor Chasidy Veinotte:** chasidy.veinotte@modl.ca

TOPICS FOR 2025 NSFM EVENTS

Looking for Topic Suggestions for 2025 NSFM Events

Soon, the NSFM conference planning committees will be meeting to develop the program content for our spring and fall conferences.

As per usual, the committees would appreciate input from the membership in terms of topics you would like to see considered. Our events are a great opportunity for professional development, and we want you to get the most out of them.

The Committees will review all suggestions received at their initial meetings. Even though we may only be able to accommodate a few suggestions, we sincerely appreciate your input. We will also ensure that those that can't fit into the two major events get considered for webinars or future events.

If you have any suggestions, please provide your topics via e-mail directly to jwebber@nsfm.ca by **January 24th**.

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES 2025

Application Deadline Extended

The application deadline for the following committees has been **extended until January 31**:

- Climate Change Committee
- E-911 Cost Recovery Committee
- Municipal Group Insurance Oversight Committee
- Municipal Infrastructure Committee
- Property Valuation Services Corporation Board
- [Details here](#)

Committee Membership Needed

The **Municipal Group Insurance Oversight Committee** is seeking two elected officials. This Committee provides a forum for stakeholders to come together, explore issues and challenges, identify opportunities for improvement, and make recommendations around NSFM's insurance program for commercial, property, and D&O insurance.

- Committee meets five times a year
- All meetings are virtual

Have an interest in this Committee? Please forward your name and a background brief to jmorrison@nsfm.ca **Deadline: January 31**

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Enhance Your Community's Climate Resilience with Free Expert Support

The **Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS)** is now accepting applications from local governments and communities! This new capacity-building program delivered by the Canadian Urban Institute connects municipalities with top climate and infrastructure experts at no cost.

Through this service, local governments can learn from leading subject matter expertson how to build climate-resilient approaches into infrastructure planning and projects. Participants gain access to specialized expertise, decision-making support, and capacity-building opportunities tailored to their needs.

Join the upcoming Info Session on **January 28th** to learn how the CRIS can transform your infrastructure planning. Sign up for the session and learn more about the CRIS here: climatereadycanada.ca/apply-now

The Roster of Climate andInfrastructure Experts is facilitated by the Canadian Urban Institute and funded by the Government of Canada.



NEWS

[Halifax residents speak against budget increase for police they say 'failed' them](#)
[Halifax RCMP ask for 14 new officers for satellite offices, traffic unit](#)
[Looking Back on a Year of Resilience and Growth](#)
[Lunenburg reverts Green Street zoning back to residential](#)
[N.S. providing tax relief to homeowners rebuilding from 2023 wildfires](#)
[Region of Queens, union ratify collective agreement](#)
[Year in Review '24: NSFM President Pam Mood](#)

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.

- [Clean Leadership Summer Internship](#) deadline extended to January 27
- [Marine Debris Clean Up Program, Shoreline Clean up Steam](#) is open
- [Kal's Reply Fund](#) is open
- [Festival and Community Event Development](#) is open
- [Telus Community Board Grants](#) is open
- [Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund](#) is open
- [Active Transportation Fund](#) is open
- [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#), Capital Projects stream open. Info sessions available

FCM Funding Opportunities

FCM has you covered with the right type of project funding. Grants are available for planning, studies, and pilot projects. [More information.](#)

PROGRAMS

HVAC Systems

The [NSFM/Canoe HVAC Systems Program](#) will help connect municipal units with approved suppliers who can help provide thermal comfort and better indoor air quality, all with competitive rates and a streamlined process. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Pest Control

The [NSFM/Canoe Pest Control Program](#) will keep your buildings and worksites pest-free and ensure that pests do not come back. Connect with our pest control approved suppliers already tendered on your behalf. When looking for efficient and effective control of bugs and rodents, get your professional extermination services through NSFM/Canoe. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Portable Washrooms

The [NSFM/Canoe Portable Washroom Program](#) supplies environmentally friendly capabilities and cutting-edge technologies. Portable conventional and modern toilets, faucets, dispensers, and more are available, all tendered on your behalf and fully trade compliant. Whether hosting large outdoor events, facilitating offsite construction projects, or temporarily increasing facility capacity, the program ensures sanitary needs are cared for. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

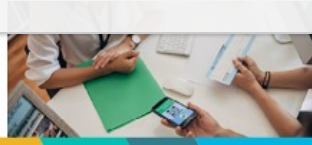
Insurance Tips: Travel Insurance 101

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.](#)

[Click here](#) to learn about the program benefits and how BrokerLink can provide you with a **free, no-obligations insurance quote**. Thinking about travelling soon? [Travel Tips & Insurance.](#)

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Travel Insurance 101



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

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

[Winter 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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