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# Monday Memo



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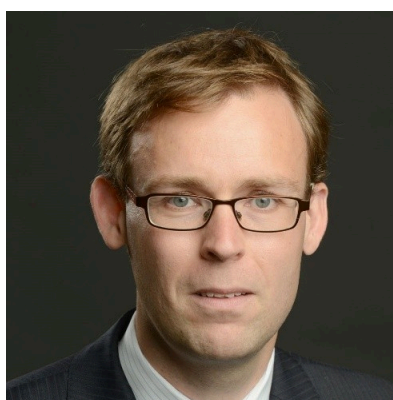
## NSFM 2025 SPRING CONFERENCE

### Our Spring Conference was a Success!



Thank You & See You This Fall!

## LUNCH & LEARN SERIES



### Introducing NSFM's New Lunch & Learn Series!

We are kicking off our new monthly Lunch & Learn virtual sessions with **Trade Shifts and Economic Outlook**, a follow-up to our popular March session, with CIBC economist **Andrew Grantham**.

Join us online May 21 for a one-hour session starting at 12 noon as Andrew provides an update on the changing US trade environment, President Trump's tariff policies, and the implications for Canada and Nova Scotia. He will also discuss rising

amid these shifts. This is the first of many Lunch & Learn virtual sessions from NSFM. Stay tuned for more!

- Registration required to receive session link
- [REGISTER HERE](#)

## ADVOCACY IN ACTION

### NSFM Advisory Committees: How Your Council Can Engage

NSFM's Advisory Committees on Areas of Municipal Interest serve as key channels for shaping our advocacy priorities. Municipal councils can now submit issues for consideration through a formal motion, enabling NSFM to address matters that significantly impact our members.

#### Key Areas of Focus:

- Public Safety
- Climate Change
- Infrastructure
- Municipal Autonomy
- Equity & Community Wellbeing

Each committee convenes at least four times annually, with provisions for additional meetings to address urgent matters. Submissions are evaluated using NSFM's Advocacy Prioritization Policy, ensuring a structured and transparent process.

For detailed information and a template motion, please refer to the updated guide:

 [NSFM Advisory Committee Guide](#)

## JOB POSTING

### Employment Opportunity

Please see link below for the following job opportunity with the **NSFM**

Position: Environment & Climate Change Policy Advisor

Deadline: May 30, 2025

Posting Details: [Click Here](#)

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

### Built Environment Accessibility Standard Info Session – May 21

Space is still available! The Accessibility Directorate is hosting a virtual info session on the new *Built Environment Accessibility Standard*, now law in Nova Scotia, on **Wednesday, May 21, 2025**, from **1:30–3:00 p.m.** via Zoom.

Join Maddi Adams and Andrew Jantzen from the Directorate for an overview of the new requirements and guidance on compliance, implementation, and how the Standard aligns with the Building Code. A Q&A will follow.

 [Register here](#)

 Questions? Contact: [Ashley.Gaudet@novascotia.ca](mailto:Ashley.Gaudet@novascotia.ca)

 Session will be recorded

More info, including plain language and ASL resources, is available on the [Accessibility Directorate website](#).

[Billy Joe MacLean, long-time mayor of Port Hawkesbury, former cabinet minister dies](#)

[Cape Breton police appealing for help after second shooting in Sydney Mines](#)

[Govt Funding for Warming Centres at Islamic Centres, Colchester Transit Study](#)

[Halifax CAO says poor fiscal transparency grade not 'completely accurate'](#)

[Halifax mayor surprised by sewage plan](#)

[Halifax utility diverting millions of cubic metres of wastewater into harbour, basin](#)

[How a Nova Scotia town quietly decided to stop fluoridating its water](#)

[Inverness County gathering feedback for new Port Hood park](#)

[Province Supports Growth for Municipalities](#)

[Supporting Municipal Projects Announcement](#)

## FUNDING



**WHAT CAN THE FUND NAVIGATOR DO FOR YOU?**

- Review your application drafts
- Provide feedback and edits
- Help you craft competitive, well-informed applications

**Get in touch to strengthen your funding proposals!**  

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### 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**.

- [Low Carbon Communities](#) open
- [Nova Scotia Mineral Resources Development Fund](#) – Communities Grant open
- [Planning Assistance Program](#) open
- [Recreation Community Development Grant](#) open
- [Community Recreation Capital Grant](#) open
- [Trail Engineering Assistance Grant Program](#) open
- [Charged](#) EV program, first-come, first-served basis
- [Emerging Destinations Program](#) open
- [Canada Retraining & Opportunities Initiative](#) applications accepted continuously
- [Commemorative Partnership Program](#) deadlines announced
- [Climate Ready Infrastructure Service](#) accepting projects for their free service

## FCM Funding Opportunities

FCM has you covered with the right type of project funding. Review the [grant page](#) for funding opportunities available for planning, studies, and pilot projects.

## PROGRAMS

### EV Charging Station

As more people are purchasing electric vehicles, be prepared with charging options. The [NSFM/Canoe EV Charging Station Program](#) will help get charging stations faster, more cost-effectively, and best of all, through a convenient procurement process. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Waste Management Equipment

The [NSFM/Canoe Waste Management Equipment Program](#) has partnered with leading manufacturers of innovative waste management vehicles and equipment. With a wide variety of suppliers to choose from, you will be able to find the products that meet your specific needs. 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.**

### Insurance Tips: Spring Maintenance

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 of insurance advisors will compare your coverage options and help get you the most comprehensive coverage at the best value.

The season is changing and there is much to do to get ready for spring and summer. Please refer to our [Spring Maintenance Tips](#).

## WEBINARS

### Medavie Blue Cross Orientation for NSFM Plan Members

Join facilitator Gabrielle Sharpe for a comprehensive half-hour online orientation session where the many tools and resources available through Medavie Blue Cross will be explored, including an overview of the **NSFM health and dental plan**. Topics:

- Advantages of the Blue Advantage program
- Features and benefits of the Chronic Disease Benefit
- How Connected Care can support your health needs
- How to navigate the Medavie Blue Cross website and mobile app
- Who to contact if you have questions about your health and dental benefits

This webinar will be of interest to municipal employees, elected officials, and wellness champions participating in the NSFM health and benefits program.

- Tuesday June 17 @ 9:30 am
- [Register here](#)
- More information: [mbower@amans.ca](mailto:mbower@amans.ca)

## Connecting Climate & Biodiversity: Recording

Joanna Eyquem, **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation**, recently presented on the topic of Connecting Climate and Biodiversity. The presentation discussed how municipalities are getting ready for the increase in extreme weather events. You can listen to the webinar [here](#).

The **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation** is an education partner of the **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program**.

## RESOURCES

### Winter Municipal Observer

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

### Spring/Summer Atlantic Municipal Magazine

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



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