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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

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 recession risks both globally and in North America, expected monetary and fiscal policy responses, and whether there is any positive outlook for our local economy 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](#)

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY 2025

Call for Applications: E-911 Cost Recovery Committee

Are you passionate about improving E911 services and ensuring effective cost recovery? Here's your opportunity to make a difference!

About the E-911 Cost Recovery Committee:

The objective of this committee is to advise the Minister respecting the administration of the collection and remittance of the E911 cost recover fee and the administration of the distribution of the money from the fund for the provision of E911 Services.

Committee members should have an awareness of cost recovery and funding distribution mechanisms.

Number of Vacancies: 1 elected official

How to apply: Submit a brief statement outlining your relevant skills and qualifications including an explanation of how your participation would benefit the committee to: wpetite@nsfm.ca

Deadline: June 2

Strengthen Municipal Leadership: FPEIM Workshops

Looking to enhance service delivery or improve council-staff relations? Join FPEIM's leadership workshops on Thursday, June 5, at the Rodd Royalty, Charlottetown, led by governance expert Dr. Gordon McIntosh.

Workshop Details:

1:30–4:30 PM: Aligning Service Expectations with Capacity

Discover strategies for sustainable services and creative funding.

6:00–8:30 PM: Developing Positive Council/Staff Relations

Learn to strengthen roles, trust, and collaboration.

Cost: \$50 + HST (one workshop) | \$75 + HST (both) – Light refreshments provided.

[Register Here](#). Contact Lori at Imayne@fpeim.ca with questions.

Applications Open for 2025-26 Voice of the Visitor Program

The Voice of the Visitor Survey Program helps tourism partners gain insights about visitors' perspectives on topics that are important to their business or organization. Selected partners will work with the research team to craft up to 10 questions to include in an online survey administered by Tourism Nova Scotia. Participants will receive a report with data and analysis to help inform their planning.

There is no cost to participate. The deadline to apply is **Thursday, June 26, 2025**.

To access program guidelines and online application form [Click Here](#).

New Government Accessibility Plan Released

The Government of Nova Scotia has released its Accessibility Plan 2025-2028, building on the success of previous plans (2018-2021 & 2022-2025). This plan outlines the government's continued commitment to removing accessibility barriers across policies, programs, services, and workplaces.

Key highlights include:

- **Guiding principles** for consistent implementation across government.
- **Eight priority areas** aligned with provincial accessibility standards.
- **45 commitments** from all departments, supporting their mandates.
- **Eight government-wide commitments** with cross-departmental support.

Read and share the plan, available on the [Accessibility Directorate website](#).

Managing Time & Priorities in the Digital Age – Seats Limited!

Feeling overwhelmed by constant demands, a heavy workload, and endless emails? This interactive training presented by the Municipal Wellness Program is designed to help you take control, boost efficiency, and manage your priorities more effectively, enhancing performance and job satisfaction. Learn practical tools, strategies, and insights to handle increasing pressure in a fast-paced world. Walk away with a personalized game plan for managing your time and energy.

- **Option #1:** May 28 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Option #2:** June 12 [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Cost:** \$250 for members, \$280 non-members

Questions: mbower@amans.ca

NEWS

[Community Centre receiving \\$3M to add more early learning, child-care spaces](#)

[Flood adaptation tools coming for Nova Scotia municipalities: NSFM](#)

[How to turn more unused buildings into affordable housing](#)

['If you build it, people will come': Swim NS pitches new pool for Annapolis Valley](#)

[Pictou councillor resigns after clashing with town CAO](#)

[Why fewer Canadians are considering buying an electric vehicle](#)

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**.

- [Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program](#) is open, deadline May 23
- [First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative](#) is open, deadline May 30
- [Active Communities Fund](#) is open
- [Charged](#) EV program, first-come, first-served basis
- [Climate Ready Infrastructure Service](#) accepting projects for their free service
- **Resources**
[Grant Application Tips](#), a resource for positioning your project for success
HCi3 has developed a [guide to funding and financing deep retrofits](#)

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

Traffic Supply

Through the [NSFM/Canoe Traffic Supply Program](#), municipalities can work with leading traffic sign suppliers to procure a comprehensive range of signage, from essential basics to specialized equipment. Municipalities can access the signage they need at competitive prices, while exceeding both compliance with industry standards. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**.

NSFM/Canoe Drone

The [NSFM/Canoe Drone Program](#) offers you access to innovative technology that can help you from the air, under water, and from other difficult-to-reach places. Procure uncrewed vehicles that can provide precise data collection, infrastructure inspection, maintenance, mapping, and modelling services with ease. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**.

EMS Supply

The [NSFM/Canoe EMS Supply Program](#) provides products ranging from defibrillators to powered loaders and stretchers. The program leverages the buying power of all member organizations to provide the solutions needed to equip your organization with the emergency products you need. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**.

Home Insurance Tips: Backyard Pools

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. Thinking about a backyard pool this summer? Read the [Pool Owners Guide](#) to insurance.

Park'N Fly Discount

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

Inclusion and Climate Resilience in Infrastructure

Municipal leaders and staff are invited to explore the intersection of inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) with climate-resilient infrastructure in an upcoming webinar hosted by Toronto Metropolitan University. This session will offer insights into their newly released guide designed to support governments—particularly at the municipal level—in integrating IDEA principles within climate-resilient infrastructure planning and implementation.

Date & Time: May 28, 2025 03:00 PM

To Register: [Click Here](#)

Access the Guide: [Full Guide PDF](#)

View the Infographic: [IDEA and Climate-Resilient Infrastructure Infographic](#)

This is a valuable opportunity to learn how your municipality can enhance resilience while ensuring that infrastructure planning is inclusive and equitable.

Home & Auto Insurance: Recording

Did you miss our webinar on the **NSFM Personal Home & Auto 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. This webinar recording explains how the program works, how access works, and how you, as an elected leader or municipal staffer can benefit from lower insurance rates and value-added education on insurance products. [Click here.](#)

Medavie Blue Cross Orientation for NSFM Plan Members

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

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
- Tuesday June 17 @ 9:30 am: [Register here](#)

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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