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# Monday Memo



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## 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

### Equity & Community Wellbeing Committee

The Committee recently made a recommendation to the Board of Directors on an advocacy request related to a basic income guarantee program for Nova Scotians. They recommended that an all-party committee of the provincial legislature study the feasibility of a basic income guarantee program and that this request be communicated to the Province. The recommendation was accepted at the April 30 meeting of the Board.

## 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](mailto:wpetite@nsfm.ca)

**Deadline:** June 2

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

### 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

There is no cost to participate. The deadline to apply is **Thursday, June 26**. To access program guidelines and online application form [Click Here](#).

## 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](mailto:mbower@amans.ca)

## NEWS

[Bridgewater seeks feedback on development plans near Exit 12A](#)

[CBU approves 2025-26 operating budget that includes \\$6.8M deficit](#)

[Halifax expanding Sackville rivers floodplain](#)

[MODY approves phase 2 of Nova West Regional Business Park](#)

[MODY gets accessibility funding for municipal building](#)

[Nova Scotia Guard deployed for 1st time to support search for missing children](#)

[Pictou Councillors disappointed over lower setbacks of Wind Turbines from Residential Property](#)

[Six infrastructure projects receive provincial funding](#)

## FUNDING

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

-  Listen to you and understand your project needs
-  Identify current and upcoming funding opportunities
-  Let's find the right funding for your project—reach out today!

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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**.

- [Community Anniversaries – Building Communities through Arts and Heritage](#)  
The deadline has been updated to May 31 for events that will occur during the next calendar year
- [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

### NSFM/Canoe Technology

The world is connected at every level. The [NSFM/Canoe Technology Program](#) keeps your organization running smoothly with technology solutions including computers, printers, network server equipment, communication software, cloud computing

## NSFM/Canoe Furniture

With the [NSFM/Canoe Furniture Program](#), you get access to furniture designers and manufacturers recognized as experts in their fields, ensuring some of the best commercial furniture available. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

## NSFM/Canoe Fleet Management

Through leveraging the combined purchasing power of all member organizations, the [NSFM/Canoe Fleet Management Program](#) allows municipalities access to a nationwide network for:

- disposal of old inventory
- fleet assessment
- fuel tracking
- new vehicle additions
- vehicle budgeting guidance and roadside assistance

Offered in collaboration with leading companies in the industry, this program provides solutions for every aspect of your fleet, no matter the size. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

## Auto Insurance Tips: Electric & Hybrids

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.

Travel insurance can offer numerous benefits and protections, regardless of whether travelling domestically or internationally. [Click here](#) for useful information on the costs and the features of travel insurance.

# 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, @3:00 PM

**To Register:** [Click Here](#)

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

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

## 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](#)

## Municipalities Keep Electric Fleets Charged: Recording

Siemens, a partner in the [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) presented on how to ensure electric vehicles in your municipal fleet are able to stay charged. Representatives from the City of Toronto shared their experience in adapting their fleets and facilities to support EVs. The recording of the webinar, courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#), is available [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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