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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
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COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITY 2025

Committee Membership Available

The **E-911 Cost Recovery Committee** is seeking one elected official. This Committee advises the Minister on administration of 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.

- **To apply:** Submit a brief statement outlining relevant skills and qualifications, including an explanation of how your participation would benefit the committee to: wpetite@nsfm.ca
- **Deadline:** June 2

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Apply to Clean Foundation's Coastal Municipalities Program

Clean Foundation is expanding its **Community Climate Capacity Program (CCC)** to support six to 10 coastal municipalities in Nova Scotia with their climate action initiatives over a three-year term.

Submit your expression of interest (EOI) before June 4 for your opportunity to join the existing network of 19 participating communities across the province, receiving dedicated support to identify climate challenges, develop policy and planning initiatives and help implement local adaptation and mitigation actions.

Deadline: June 4 (11:59 p.m.ADT)

Submit to: [Access Microsoft Form](#)

Questions: ccc@cleanfoundation.ca

More Info: www.cleanfoundation.ca/ccc

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

NEWS

[Affordable housing options spark interest](#)

[Birds trapped in abandoned building across from Cape Breton City Hall](#)

[Congres Mondial Acadien wins 'Event of the Year' at ECMAs](#)

[Halifax moves ahead with downtown Dartmouth heritage district](#)

[The importance of preparing for extreme weather cannot be overstated](#)

[Westville mayor says school redevelopment could be 'game changer' for town](#)

FUNDING

Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The NSFAM 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
- [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

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 Building Supplies

The [NSFM/Canoe Building Supplies Program](#) was launched in Fall 2024 and continues to add more participating stores across Canada. This program connects members with Canadian-owned Home Hardware Building Centres (HHBC) and Home Building Centres (HBC) across Canada, providing high-quality materials, from fencing and insulation to drywall, roofing, and hardware, all at competitive, member-exclusive pricing. Whether tackling routine maintenance or large-scale projects, members can streamline procurement while keeping investments local. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

NSFM/Canoe Supplier List: Updated

[NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) provides a diverse range of procurement options for our members. View the updated list of [new and approved suppliers](#). Approved suppliers are selected through an open RFP process that follows a successful proposal evaluation and contract award. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Tariff FAQs: Navigate a Shifting Landscape

With trade landscapes rapidly changing, the [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) remains a steady partner for the public sector. We understand that you may have questions about your procurement strategy. We aim to support and protect the interests of the municipal sector by providing flexible, compliant contracts that connect you with the right products and suppliers for your needs. [Learn more](#) about some of the key questions we have received from members.

NSFM has been actively engaged in the issue of tariffs and have reached out to our procurement partners for information that may be of benefit to members.

Prepping your RV for camping season



Insurance Tips: RV Season

Are you ready for camping season? The warmer weather is just around the corner and we could not be more excited! Besides packing your RV with S'mores kits and bug spray, you need to make sure your vehicle is safe and ready for adventures. We have put together some tips to help you [prep your RV for camping season](#) and enjoy a safe and worry-free camping season.

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. [More information](#).

Park'N Fly Discount Program

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.** Please note the following new rates for Stanfield International Airport (effective June 1):

- Daily \$14.75
- Weekly \$73.77
- [More information](#)

WEBINARS

Trade Shifts and Economic Outlook: Recording

Last week, Andrew Grantham, CIBC economist, provided an update on the changing US trade environment, President Trump's tariff policies, and the implications for Canada and Nova Scotia. He also discussed rising recession risks both globally and

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**.

Disaster Contingency Planning: Recording

NSFM and **Canoe Procurement Group** recently hosted a webinar providing insight on preparedness and effective disaster response strategies. The link between droughts, wildfires, and floods was explored. The value of proactive disaster preparedness and simple yet effective measures, including leveraging community resources, proper sandbag filling, storage for flood emergencies, and building key relationships with relevant stakeholders was discussed. Missed the webinar? You can view the webinar [here](#).

Wildfire Season - What Canadians Need to Know: Recording

Anabela Bonada, **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation**, dives into the current state of wildfires in Canada and around the world. She also discusses how the increasing frequency and intensity of wildfires is linked to climate change, and how Canadians can best prepare themselves for the upcoming wildfire season. [Listen here](#).

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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](#)

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

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

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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