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# Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
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## LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

### Deer Governance in Nova Scotia - Virtual Session

Join Tricia Fleming, Human-Wildlife Coexistence Biologist with the Department of Natural Resources, for an overview of deer-related issues facing municipalities.

The session will cover key topics including deer biology and behaviour, human-deer conflict, and strategies for developing a municipal deer governance approach. Participants will also learn about the respective roles of DNR and municipalities, data collection and management options, and where to find useful, NS-specific resources. This **free one-hour online session** is designed to help elected officials and staff better understand the tools and partnerships available to support effective local deer management. Tricia has been working in this role since December 2021 and is also a wildlife veterinarian.

- June 18 @ 12 Noon
- [REGISTER HERE](#)

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

### Local News Matters Symposium

[Local News Matters](#) is a one-day symposium on June 14 in Sackville NB to bring together journalists, citizens, academics, and community leaders to talk about how to expedite the revival and survival of local news in the Maritimes. We believe local journalism supports resilient communities, healthy democracies, and vibrant economies and that communities can help bring back local news. The day will consist of a keynote address by journalist and researcher [April Lindgren](#) (Toronto Metropolitan U and the [Local News Research Project](#)), followed by three panel discussions on the what, why, and how of local news.

- Register [here](#)
- More info: [dahuar@gmail.com](mailto:dahuar@gmail.com)

['A total surprise': Municipalities unprepared for uranium exploration in their backyard](#)  
[Commercial Property Customers Cutting Insurance Corners Despite Risk](#)  
[How Building in Climate Resilience Can Become a Commercial Real Estate Edge](#)  
['I'm very concerned': N.S. government to intervene in Halifax Water rate hike case](#)  
[MODL approves \\$150,000 in grants to support local groups and infrastructure](#)  
[Nova Scotia takes feds to court, saying it must protect land link](#)  
[N.S. gets \\$170M over decade after signing housing infrastructure deal](#)  
['Answers needed', warden says sadness grips community where kids went missing](#)  
[Yarmouth Mayor eager to welcome American visitors on 'CAT](#)

## 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**.

- [Charged](#) EV program, first-come, first-served basis
- **Resources**
  - [Grant Application Tips](#), a resource for positioning your project for success
  - HCl3 has developed a [guide to funding and financing deep retrofits](#)

NSFAM has partnered with [Climate Ready Infrastructure Service](#) to hold a one-hour info session: June 25 @ 12 noon, register [here](#)

### 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

### Dig Into the Latest Construction Trends

The [NSFAM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) partners with a diverse range of suppliers. [Gordian](#), an approved supplier, is a leading provider of building solutions. Discover how Gordian's [Q2 2025 Construction Cost Insights Report](#) can help you navigate the ever-evolving construction industry. Data and insights from industry leaders provide a thorough evaluation of the cost trajectory of key construction materials and impacts of a tightening labour market:

- Material Cost Analysis
- Regional Price Trends
- Tariff Implications
- Cost Stability Strategies

## Wildfire Season Preparedness

[Grainger Canada](#) is a procurement partner in the [NSFM/Canoe Firefighting PPE Program](#). As we move closer to the high-risk season of wildfires, refer to the [Grainger website](#) for information and support. Grainger Canada offers servicing of Breathing Apparatus systems, based out of Halifax. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

- More information, contact: [katrina.king@grainger.ca](mailto:katrina.king@grainger.ca)

## NSFM/Canoe Office Supply

The [NSFM/Canoe Office Supply Program](#) is a one-stop shop for all office supplies. The program offers members everything from pens to cleaning equipment, furniture to computers, promotional materials to coffee supplies, all with preferential pricing. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

## Keep Your Fleet Moving

The [NSFM/Canoe Auto Parts Program](#) partners with NAPA Auto Parts to make your budget go further. NAPA has programs designed for both small and large fleet customers with the most extensive coverage in the automotive aftermarket. A national team of fleet specialists are available to support you and your fleet with inventory support, cost analysis, and reporting. Refer to the latest promotions from [NAPA](#). The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**



## BrokerLink's 2025 Grand Group Giveaway!

Did you know that you can receive exclusive insurance discounts on your **personal home and auto insurance** through BrokerLink's [group insurance program](#)? Get a quote on home or auto insurance with BrokerLink, and you could win 1 of 4 cash prizes of \$5,000. Don't miss your chance to save on insurance and win some cash in the Grand Group Giveaway! The second draw will be held in July! Contest Period: January 1 - December 31. Contact BrokerLink today!

## WEBINARS

**Medavie Blue Cross Orientation for NSFM Plan Members**

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](#)

## TELUS Health EAP Orientation Session

We typically have the skills to manage our everyday lives but sometimes life throws us a curve ball where we or our family members could use a bit of extra support. Your TELUS Health **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)** can help. This one-hour webinar presented by the Municipal Wellness Program will provide an overview of EAP services and a live demo of the website and app. This webinar will be of interest to municipal employees, elected officials, and wellness champions participating in the NSFM health and benefits program. Topics:

- Thursday June 19 @ 9:30 am
- [Register here](#)
- More information: [mbower@amans.ca](mailto:mbower@amans.ca)

## Managing Time & Priorities in the Digital Age

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.

- **June 12** [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Cost:** \$250 for members, \$280 non-members
- **Questions:** [mbower@amans.ca](mailto:mbower@amans.ca)

## 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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