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Monday Memo



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LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Community Health Boards (CHB) Launch New Five-Year Plan

Staff supporting Nova Scotia's 35 CHB are excited to share highlights from their newly released *Community Health Plans for 2025–2029*. Developed with input from over 6,700 Nova Scotians, the plans outline five key priorities:

- Access to affordable basics (food, housing, transportation)
- Active living and social connection
- Healthy natural and built environments
- Local access to services and supports
- Mental wellness

Join the CHB team for a virtual overview and learn how municipalities can support healthier, more connected communities.

- Wednesday, July 16
- 12:00–1:00 PM ADT
- [Register here](#)

CALL FOR MUNICIPAL SUCCESS STORIES

Fresh Approaches to Community Engagement

Is your municipality trying something new to connect with your community? We're looking for creative, innovative, and practical ways municipalities are engaging residents—beyond the usual methods.

At our Fall Conference, NSFM is hosting a session on November 5 from 4–5 pm at the Westin, where we'll showcase three standout engagement success stories from across the province. We're looking for ideas that are affordable, adaptable, and offer a fresh take on community connection—approaches others can take home and try.

Let's share what's working—and inspire one another to think differently about how we engage our communities. If your municipality has a story to share, we want to

Please send a short summary to jwebber@nsfm.ca by July 21.

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Equity & Community Wellbeing Committee

The Equity & Community Wellbeing Committee met on June 18. At the meeting, the Committee reviewed the directive from the Board of Directors to discuss and develop recommendations for the Board to consider ways to enhance and provide further education on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility for members. The Committee will meet again on September 18.

2025 PHOTO CONTEST

Share Your Municipality's Seasonal Photos!

NSFM is calling on all municipalities to showcase the beauty of their communities in the spring and summer seasons!

We're looking for stunning seasonal images to be potentially featured on the NSFM Website, across our Social Media Channels (LinkedIn, Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram, Bluesky), and in publications like *NSFM's Annual Report*, the *Municipal Observer*, and *Atlantic Municipal Magazine*.

How to Participate: Submit your best seasonal photos (hi-resolution/300dpi) by 4 pm on Friday, August 29 to: communications@nsfm.ca

All entries (1 per person) will be entered into a draw for 1 Free Registration to NSFM's Fall Conference, valued at \$750!

Show off the charm of your municipality and get a chance to win!

SURVEYS

Stormwater Management Projects – We Need Your Input

NSFM is gathering information on municipal stormwater management projects across Nova Scotia. If your municipality has completed, is undertaking, or is planning a stormwater-related project, we ask that you complete this short survey: [Click here](#).

Note: one response per municipality.

Your responses will help identify common challenges, innovative solutions, and opportunities for collaboration or funding support.

Deadline: Monday June 30 - We appreciate your time and input.



Are you a municipal councillor and want to build a legacy of sustainable infrastructure?

Pre-conference Workshop: Understand the roots of Canada's infrastructure funding gap and participate in a leadership lab. Explore real-world examples of successful initiatives and strategies to engage your communities. Come together in the afternoon session with municipal staff to create lasting solutions where governance meets operations.

Keynote Speaker: Peter Muttart, former Mayor of Kings County, NS will talk about how their council became leaders in asset management planning to build a sustainable service strategy and support regional service delivery.

Back to Basics Sessions: Hear from other municipalities on how they made strong asset management a reality by embracing challenges and building consensus.

Collaboration Sessions: Join hands-on workshops on connecting with your community through meaningful engagement, bringing nature into decision making and effecting organizational change.

Join AIM Network's Annual Conference

Councillors: Learn how to do more with less. Discover practical solutions from fellow municipalities facing similar budget and infrastructure pressures, and explore how sustainable service planning is leadership in action.

- Pre-conference: August 21
- Main conference: August 22–23
- Location: Halifax, NS
- See the [Program and Register here](#)

Priority Registration Open: CLIMAtlantic's Fall CART Program

CLIMAtlantic's *Climate Adaptation & Resilience Training (CART)* is a free, 12-week foundational program designed for those new to climate adaptation and working with municipalities or Indigenous communities in Atlantic Canada.

Participants will build skills in climate data, risk assessment, equity, engagement, governance, and resilience — all in a supportive, peer-based learning environment.

Advance registration is now open for municipal and Indigenous community staff, and those working with them. Space is limited.

- **Deadline: August 1**
- [Register here](#)
- [More info](#)

Advisors, Vendors, and Education

Are you familiar with the Learning Development Supply Arrangement (LDSA) or Flextrack? Did you know that municipalities can take advantage of the province's standing offer for services in a variety of areas?

Need advice or expertise on topics such as DEI, mindfulness, decision making, or conflict management? The **LDSA** can provide you with a list of course information

Flextrack can provide a list of vendors for a variety of service areas which municipalities can contact and award either directly or through a statement of work process. Service areas include learning development, managed business services, and executive search.

Both of these initiatives are approved for use by public service bodies in NS. For more information, please contact staci.macaskill@novascotia.ca or visit [here](#).

NEWS

[CBRM adds new firefighting equipment to its fleet](#)

[‘Fed up with Trump rhetoric’: U.S. city renames street to honour Canada](#)

[Glace Bay volunteer fire dept turns over budget to CBRM](#)

[N.S. municipalities advocate for better rural healthcare](#)

[Projects in Guysborough-Tracadie receive provincial funding](#)

[Regional council looks to extend Student Transit Pass Pilot Program](#)

[Several groups come together to denounce new tariffs](#)

[Taxes going up for town of Antigonish in new budget](#)

[Without better protection, residents warn N.S. coastline risks 'death by 1,000 cuts'](#)

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!

CONTACT
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The graphic features a green background with a white outline of Nova Scotia. On the right side, there is a circular inset image showing two people, a woman and a man, looking at a laptop screen together. The text is arranged in a list format on the left, and the contact information is at the bottom left. The NSFM logo is at the bottom center.

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

- [Emergency Services Provider Fund](#) is open.
- [Charged](#) EV program is open, first-come, first-served basis

Climate Ready Infrastructure Service Info Session

Upcoming Info Session | June 25, 12–1 PM

NSFM advises the membership that the **Climate Ready Infrastructure Service** is offering municipalities a **free** opportunity (valued at over **\$20,000**) to strengthen infrastructure through low-carbon resilience.

This national service supports climate-smart decision-making for municipal infrastructure projects. [Register now](#) to learn how your municipality can benefit.

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

Fireproof Your Organization

Discover how the [NSFM/Canoe Firefighting Equipment Program](#), [Firefighting PPE Program](#), and [Firefighting Apparatus Program](#) equip your emergency responders with the best tools and gear to keep your community safe. Whether essential firefighting equipment like emergency lights, sirens, ladders, pumps, power tools, and bush trucks, or protective gear including bunker gear, gas masks, SCBA, helmets, boots, and gloves, the program ensures your team is prepared for every challenge. The program provides reliable, high-performance equipment with a simplified procurement process and competitive rates. Explore these programs and keep your community fire-ready. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **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 [new and renewed 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.**

Athletic Surface

The [NSFM/Canoe Athletic Surface Program](#) provides plenty of surface options, including a wide range of professional turf and flooring options. Get what you need through a simplified procurement process and competitive rates. 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!

Park'N Fly Discount

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.**

WEBINARS

Opportunity: Streamlined Print Solutions

NSFM and [Canoe Procurement Group](#) are pleased to partner with **Sharp Canada** and **Workplace Essentials** to host an informative one-hour webinar tailored for organizations looking to streamline their print solutions. Discover how to become a Canoe member (membership is free) and how your organization, as part of the broader municipal sector in NS, can access best-in-class Sharp multifunction copiers at exclusive, pre-negotiated pricing—saving time, money, and hassle. Learn how Workplace Essentials supports your print needs **locally** while maximizing the value of the Canoe Program. Don't miss this opportunity to see why Canoe pricing is the best in the market.

- July 17 @ 3:00 pm
- Register in advance [here](#)
- Questions: imorrison@nsfm.ca

Public Procurement: Recording

NSFM and **Canoe Procurement Group** recently hosted a webinar highlighting the importance of a well-structured procurement policy and regular training on procurement efficiency. Did you miss this event designed for municipal staff involved

RESOURCES

Summer 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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