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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

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 hear it.

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

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 Magazines*.

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!

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

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. [Read about](#) some of the key questions we have received from members.

days. Whether cutting back on eating out or looking at what household expenses could be shaved back a little, everyone is trying to keep some extra dollars in their wallet. Trying to save money in different areas of your budget? It is a good idea to also look over your insurance policies.

[Tips on how to save money on your insurance.](#)

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. [More information.](#)

NEWS

[CBRM councillor expects increasing conflict between new housing, property owners](#)

[HRM municipal accounts leave X, prompting questions about emergency comms](#)

[How to help protect your home from wildfire](#)

[Mahone Bay approves budget, residential and commercial rates up 1%](#)

[No decision yet on rent cap extension, says housing minister](#)

[Premier backs Halifax mayor on rejected bike lane pause](#)

[Town of Yarmouth bumps up tax rates as costs rise](#)

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
fundnavigator@nsfm.ca

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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

- [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
 - HCl3 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

Supply Chain Solutions

The [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) partners aims to help your municipal unit overcome challenges. Innovative supply chain solutions from [Wesco](#) keep operations running smoothly, every hour of every day. As a leading global provider of electrical supplies, lighting, MRO, data and telecom, physical security hardware, safety supplies, and other energy-efficient solutions, Wesco harnesses its expertise to deliver tangible results that transform the way you do business. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Portable Washroom

The [NSFM/Canoe Portable Washroom Program](#) supplies environmentally friendly capabilities and cutting-edge technologies. Portable conventional and modern toilets, faucets, dispensers, and more are available, all tendered on your behalf and fully trade compliant. Whether hosting large outdoor events, facilitating offsite construction projects, or temporarily increasing facility capacity, the program ensures sanitary needs are cared for. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

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.

- Questions: imorrison@nsfm.ca

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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