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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 hear it.

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

Councillor Brian Comeau

With sadness we mourn the passing of Councillor Brian Comeau, Municipality of Clare. First elected to municipal council in 2004, Councillor Comeau served the public with dedication, compassion, and integrity for over two decades. NSFM extends condolences to Councillor Comeau's family, friends, and colleagues. [More information.](#)

NetZero Atlantic Survey

NetZero Atlantic is conducting high-level research into the public's perception of Offshore Wind Development in NS, on behalf of the Province. Municipalities have been identified as one cohort. NSFM has clarified that responses to this survey do not constitute an official municipal position on Offshore Wind Development, however, individuals are invited to participate if they wish to do so. The survey can be found [here](#). More info, contact: kwalsh@netzeroatlantic.ca

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.](#)

NEWS

[144 child-care spaces coming to Antigonish county](#)
[Halifax deputy mayor seeking report on upcoming bike lane projects, costs](#)
[HRM isn't effectively managing its winter operations: auditor general](#)
[Nova Scotia village moves to drop 'Cornwallis' from its name](#)
[Why this Cape Breton lookoff is a hot spot for illegal dumping](#)

FUNDING



WHAT CAN THE FUND NAVIGATOR DO FOR YOU?

- ✓ Review your application drafts
- ✓ Provide feedback and edits
- ✓ Help you craft competitive, well-informed applications

Get in touch to strengthen your funding proposals! 💡 📄

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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**.

- [Active Communities Fund](#) is open
- [Charged](#) EV program, first-come, first-served basis
- [Climate Ready Infrastructure Service](#) accepting projects for their free service
- **Resources**

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

Stay Ready for Emergency Events

The [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) partners aims to help your municipal unit overcome challenges.

Discover how [United Rentals](#) supports municipalities facing sudden fire or mud slide damage with expert planning, engineering, equipment, and logistics. Fluid Solutions group offers a range of equipment, including tanks, pumps, filters, and accessories, combined with turnkey solutions and best practices drawn from real municipal projects. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

EV Utility Vehicle

The [NSFM/Canoe Utility Vehicle Program](#) ensures municipal units receive the highest quality utility vehicles at competitive prices. Learn how [Waev Inc.](#) provides vehicles such as street legal low-speed vehicles, industrial utility vehicles and carts, and heavy-duty tow tractors and repower kits. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Janitorial Supply

Keep your facilities clean and safe with the [NSFM/Canoe Janitorial Supply Program](#). From cleaning supplies to [floor cleaning](#), the program provides everything you need to create a healthy environment for your staff and visitors at competitive rates. This program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

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.** [More information](#)

WEBINARS

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

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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