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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

2025 NSFM SEASONAL PHOTO CONTEST

Capture the Beauty of Your Municipality This Spring & Summer!

NSFM invites municipalities to capture and share the unique charm of their communities through stunning seasonal photography. Selected images may be featured on the NSFM website, across our social media platforms (LinkedIn, Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram, Bluesky), and in key publications such as the NSFM Annual Report, *Municipal Observer*, and *Atlantic Municipal Magazine*.

How to Enter:

Submit one high-resolution (300 dpi) photo that highlights the spirit of your municipality during the spring or summer seasons.

Deadline: August 29 @ 4:00 pm

Email entries to: communications@nsfm.ca

All eligible submissions will be entered into a draw to win **one free registration** to NSFM's Fall Conference — a prize valued at **\$750**.

Showcase your community. Share your pride. You could win!

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



Prevention Academy

NSFM is pleased to advise that the [Strong Cities Network](#), in collaboration with the [Canadian Centre for Safer Communities](#) and the [Foundation for a Path Forward](#), and with funding support from Public Safety Canada, is launching a **Prevention Academy** for small and mid-sized Canadian municipalities. Municipalities from **NSFM have been invited to participate in this learning opportunity and we**

- NSFAM Board will appoint five elected leaders to participate
- Timeframe: September 2025 to June 2026
- Time commitment: 1.5 hours at least twice a month, with some months requiring weekly attendance (will be shared well in advance), attendance at in-person session in Toronto in December 2025 and possibly a second in-person session in the spring of 2026.
- Deadline to apply: August 15
- More info: [click here](#)
- To apply: imorrison@nsfm.ca



RURAL CANADA
STATISTICS

Looking for statistics about rural Canada?

Take a minute to watch [this video](#) to learn what's available.

Statistics Canada delivers timely [rural and small town data](#) that are relevant to your area, so that you can get the facts on demographics, housing, business, trade and proximity to services.



Employment Opportunity

NSFM is currently hiring for the position of **Flood Adaptation Facilitator**. To learn more and apply, please visit: [Click here](#)

Built Environment Accessibility Info Sessions

The Built Environment Accessibility Standard is now law in Nova Scotia, introducing new requirements for how infrastructure is designed, built, and managed.

- Who the Standard applies to
- Key compliance timelines and requirements
- How it aligns with the Nova Scotia Building Code
- Accessibility best practices and FAQs

Session Dates:

- Monday, July 21 - 1:00–2:30 pm
- Wednesday, August 13 - 9:00–10:30 am
- Thursday, August 21 - 1:00–2:30 pm
- Friday, September 12 - 1:00–2:20 pm
- Thursday, September 18 - 6:00–7:30 pm

Note: These sessions do not include ASL interpretation. To request an ASL-interpreted session, please email accessibility@novascotia.ca.

NEWS

[Dartmouth councillor wants consultation on possible strong mayor powers](#)
[Halifax council directs mayor to write provincial government about strong powers](#)
[Hfx mayor says 'change is needed' at city hall, would welcome strong mayor powers](#)
[Halifax mayor says strong powers would restore 'democratic accountability'](#)
[Halifax's top bureaucrat says she is retiring](#)
[Inverness County council wants feedback on mischief, curfew bylaws](#)
[Kings Transit to end service in Digby](#)
[Mahone Bay examines sidewalk patio bylaw after 100-yr-old woman falls - later dies](#)
[Port Hawkesbury has new director of finance](#)
[Premier blasts Halifax council, cites 'serious disconnect' from citizens](#)
[St. Peter's splash pad just days away from opening](#)
[St. Peter's water utility says minister's intervention in rate hike application 'alarming'](#)

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**.

- [Strategic Development Initiative](#) is open.
- New [Heritage Development Fund – Conservation Work Grants](#) added to the database.
- The [Marine Debris Clean-Up Program](#) has updated deadlines across its three funding streams.

- The federal [Energy Innovation Program \(EIP\)](#) is hosting live virtual sessions where program officials will share tips on how to prepare and submit strong applications.
 - English Session: September 9, 1:00–2:30 PM, register [here](#).
 - French Session: September 11, 1:00–2:30 PM, 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

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.**

Understanding NSFM/Canoe Procurement

Do you need help finding cost-effective products and services and would you like to learn more about using [Canoe Procurement](#)? **Andy Saxby** is here to help. Andy is the member outreach representative for Nova Scotia municipal units. He is your direct contact for the Canoe program. In his role, Andy helps local governments and non-profits find time and cost-saving benefits on a wide variety of municipal needs. He also provides educational sessions and support to help members navigate the cooperative procurement process. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Contact: andy@canoeprocurement.ca or (902) 417-2575.

Culvert Program

Building and maintaining safe, accessible road infrastructure requires access to sound products. The [NSFM/Canoe Culvert Program](#) provides access to a range of drainage, bridge, and road construction products, enabling you to focus on building infrastructure networks that connect residents and economic activity. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

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Travel Insurance 101



WEBINARS

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](#).

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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