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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



Employment Opportunities

NSFM is currently hiring for the position of **Flood Adaptation Facilitator**.

To learn more and apply, please visit: [Click here](#)

And NSFM is hiring for the position of **Grant Coordinator** with the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund

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.

Join an upcoming virtual information session to learn more about:

- 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:

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

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

NEWS

[Antigonish mayor disappointed sewage plant upgrades delayed as smell returns](#)

[CBRM to ask province for help with abandoned buildings after fire](#)

[Halifax council directs mayor to write provincial government about strong powers](#)

[Halifax council to ask Nova Scotia for consultation on strong-mayor powers](#)

[Is Canada prepared for floods like the one that happened in Texas?](#)

[Nova Scotia premier warned to be cautious before granting mayors more power](#)

[Premier blasts Halifax council, cites 'serious disconnect' from citizens](#)

[Provincial policing plan raises more questions than answers for CBRM officials](#)

[Ontario mayor weighs in on N.S. strong mayor concerns](#)

[Outdated Flood Maps Put Canadian Communities at Risk, Expert Warns](#)

FUNDING

Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The NSFMM 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**.

- Two powerful RBC funding programs added to the database:
 - [RBC Community Investment Funding Streams](#) – flexible, high-value grants (up to \$2.5M) for projects in economic development, climate action, and more.
 - [RBC Foundation Community Infrastructure Fund](#) – capital funding from \$25,000 to \$2.5M for construction, retrofits and accessibility upgrades to community spaces.
- New Persian Gulf Veterans stream within the [Commemorative Partnership Program](#) is added to the database and is open.
- The call for applications for the [First Nation–Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative](#) has been extended to September 26, 2025.

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.

Wildfire Season Preparedness

[Grainger Canada](#) is a procurement partner in the [NSFM/Canoe Firefighting PPE Program](#). As we are now in 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. More information, contact: katrina.king@grainger.ca. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Built for Canada

In the midst of a rapidly changing trade landscape, the [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) remains a steady partner for the public sector. Our goal is to support and protect the interests of the broader municipal sector by providing flexible, compliant contracts that connect you with the right products and suppliers for your needs. Please read about our new [Built for Canada](#) program and how the NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program is [helping you navigate a shifting trade landscape](#). More information: andy@canoeprocurement.ca

Flooring

The [NSFM/Canoe Flooring Program](#) works with suppliers to help you find the best options for each of your spaces: rugs, carpet tiles, luxury vinyl flooring, and more. With preferred pricing and the tendering process already completed on your behalf, you just need to pick your design. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Insurance Tips: RV Season

Are you ready for camping season? The warmer weather is here 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.](#)

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

WEBINARS

Missed the CHB Webinar? Catch Up on the 2025–2029 Plan

Last week, staff supporting Nova Scotia's 35 Community Health Boards (CHBs) shared highlights from their newly released *2025–2029 Community Health Plans*. Informed by feedback from more than 6,700 Nova Scotians, the plans focus on 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

The webinar offers an overview of the new plans and explores how municipalities can help build healthier, more connected communities. [Watch the recording here](#)

EAP for Elected Officials: Recording

Did you miss the recent webinar presented by NSFM and AMANS on the **EAP for Elected Officials**? The webinar discussed how to access and navigate the programs and services offered and provided an overview of the new website and app. The program features an extensive number of tools and resources of benefit to elected leaders. You can view the webinar [here](#).

Do We Need to Heat-Proof Our Communities: Recording

Are cities and governments taking the threat of extreme heat seriously? Caroline Metz, Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation, recently joined the Vassy Kapelos Show, sharing why extreme heat requires more attention. While some jurisdictions have taken initial steps to respond to heat, there is much more that can be done to lower risk. The public health impacts of extreme heat are in currently in focus. Are governments doing enough? Listen [here](#).

The **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation** is an education partner of the **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program**.

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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