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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES



Happy Natal Day to Annapolis Royal and Halifax Regional Municipality

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

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 are seeking five elected municipal leaders to enroll.** Information on the initiative is below and attached.

- NSFM 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
- Accommodation and travel costs covered by Prevention Academy
- Deadline to apply: August 15
- More info: [click here](#)
- To apply: imorrison@nsfm.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



The position of **Flood Adaptation Facilitator**. To learn more and apply, please visit: [Click here](#)

And for the position of **Grant Coordinator** with the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund. To learn more and apply, please visit: [Click here](#)

NEWS

[CBRM to ask province for help with cost of cleaning up derelict properties](#)

[Councillors, advocates say premier's Hfx bike lane block about strong mayor powers](#)

[County of Annapolis Announces New Chief Administrative Officer](#)

[Digby warden wants action from province to fix roads](#)

[Murphy's Logic: Citizens should decide if we have strong mayors](#)

[N.S. municipal police chiefs question province's shift to expand RCMP coverage](#)

[N.S. premier says he'll be 'forced to act' if Halifax doesn't reverse bike lane decision](#)

[N.S. will discuss strong mayor powers, hoping for Morris St 'common sense'](#)

[Overhaul of Halifax street comes at big cost to small businesses, says shop owner](#)

[Poli-sci professor cautions N.S. on strong mayor powers](#)

[Truro introduces special planning area for historic Black community](#)

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**.

- New funding opportunities added to the database:
 - [Funding for Indigenous Housing](#): A comprehensive suite of grants, forgivable loans, wage subsidies and contributions to support Indigenous-led housing projects. Continuous intake
 - [Infrastructure for Housing Initiative](#): Low-cost, long-term financing (not a grant!) for municipalities and Indigenous governments to build or expand essential infrastructure (water, wastewater, roads, transit, energy and broadband). Continuous intake
 - [Indigenous Participant Funding Program – Policy-Based Component](#): Provides grants to support Indigenous participation in policy consultations. Applications accepted on a rolling basis
- The [Atlantic Salmon Conservation](#) funding program is open. Deadline: November 14, 2025
- Climate-Ready Plans and Processes stream of the [Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation](#) is open. Deadline: September 16, 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.

PROGRAMS

Waste Management Equipment

The [NSFM/Canoe Waste Management Equipment Program](#) has partnered with leading manufacturers of innovative waste management vehicles and equipment. With a wide variety of suppliers to choose from, you will be able to find the products that meet your specific needs. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Pest Control

The [NSFM/Canoe Pest Control Program](#) will keep your buildings and worksites pest-free and ensure that pests do not come back. Connect with our pest control approved suppliers already tendered on your behalf. When looking for efficient and effective control of bugs and rodents, get your professional extermination services through NSFM/Canoe. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Heavy Construction Equipment

Heavy equipment plays a pivotal role on the front line. The [NSFM/Canoe Heavy Construction Equipment Program](#) offers access to reliable machines, such as graders, bulldozers, excavators, backhoes, loaders, dump trucks, and more, at preferred pricing and fully compliant with trade standards. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Municipal HST Offset Grants Issued

The 2025-26 Municipal HST Offset Grants have been finalized. The grant is based on the submissions from municipalities collected by NSFM this past spring. As a result of this NSFM Program, \$6 million in funding will be issued to municipalities across Nova Scotia this month by the Municipal Finance Team at Department of Municipal Affairs. Thank you to DMA staff for their assistance with this program and thank you to all 49 municipalities who submitted their information to qualify for the grant.

In 1998, NSFM negotiated the Municipal HST Offset Program with the province, intended to lessen the financial impact on municipalities paying the HST. Since then, the program has provided approximately \$150 million to municipalities. Payments are based on municipal expenditures in the previous year.

Protecting Your Personal Data

Did you know that you can receive exclusive insurance discounts on your **personal home and auto insurance** through BrokerLink's [group insurance program](#)?

options and help get you the most comprehensive coverage at the best value.

Phishing scams are becoming an everyday concern for many Canadians. Phishing is a common tactic that cyber criminals use to steal personal and financial information. These scams are continually getting more sophisticated and harder to identify. Phishing messages usually take the form of an email, text message or phone call from a cyber criminal who is pretending to be someone they are not. [Learn more about protecting your data.](#)

TRAINING

Electronic Records Management

[RIMtech Consulting](#) is offering advanced training to municipalities for **Electronic Records Management** for Records Professionals and Administrators. This training is offered to municipalities across Canada, and if booked prior September 30, your organization can qualify for a 25% discount using the code 'NSFM25'. If you have multiple persons from your organization interested in training, private training can be arranged. Training can be provided to you at your time and convenience and at a better cost point. As well, training can reflect your particular circumstances, such as your record keeping software of choice, readiness/knowledge level, or project goals.

- More information: jimmy@rimtechconsulting.com

WEBINARS

Construction Procurement: Recording

Did you miss the recent webinar on **Cutting Edge Construction Procurement** presented by **NSFM/Canoe**, Gordian, and the Institute for Public Procurement? The session discussed the latest trends and challenges in Canadian construction procurement. Topics included best practices to drive efficiency and value in every project, insights into optimizing procurement strategies, and real-world expertise from leaders in the field. Access the [slide deck](#) and [webinar recording](#).

Series: Municipal Alcohol Policy

The [Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation](#) (CAPE) project at the University of Victoria is offering a [webinar series](#) to increase connections with and learn from those working in municipal, local government, and community-level organizations. These webinars will offer participants an opportunity to discuss:

- local-level policies and strategies effective at balancing public-health concerns with community needs
- legal frameworks for alcohol policies, latest research evidence, and resources
- share experiences and network with others working on this issue
- future research in this area

More information: capecopcoord@uvic.ca

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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