

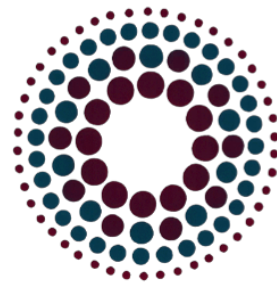
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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

NSFM 2026 SPRING CONFERENCE



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April 29th–May 1st, Yarmouth, NS

Session Spotlight: Real-World Innovation, Resilience, and Opportunity at the NSFM Spring Conference

Concurrent Sessions - April 30 | 11:05 AM –12:05 PM

This year's Spring Conference concurrent sessions showcase the creativity, leadership, and practical problem-solving happening across Nova Scotia's municipalities. Designed to offer tangible takeaways and cross-sector learning, these sessions highlight how communities are responding to pressing challenges - and seizing new opportunities.

**West Hants Regional Municipality's
Drought Program: Policy,
Partnership, Impact**

developing an Emergency Water Relief During Droughts Policy - delivering the equivalent of \$200,000 in potable water to residents with dry wells. This session explores the policy framework, partnerships, lessons learned, and next steps toward long-term water resilience.



Dark Skies & Astro Tourism

Discover how Yarmouth & Acadian Shores is leveraging some of the darkest skies in North America to drive tourism, education, and community identity. Learn how protecting natural assets like night skies can support sustainable economic development and create unique visitor experiences.

Stormwater Strategy: Policy, Planning, and Projects

Stormwater management sits at the intersection of infrastructure, environment, and politics. This session brings together municipal perspectives on balancing growth, flood control, water quality, and resident expectations, offering insights into policy choices, planning approaches, and on-the-ground projects.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PROGRAM & REGISTER](#)

Join elected officials, municipal staff, and partner organizations to explore practical approaches and shared experiences. Register for the Spring Conference today.

COX & PALMER



Municipal Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Reliable infrastructure is essential to strong and sustainable communities. The [NSFM Infrastructure Advisory Committee](#) provides advice on issues such as asset management, infrastructure maintenance, and long-term capital investment needs. By examining these challenges, the committee helps inform advocacy efforts that support municipalities in building and maintaining the infrastructure residents depend on.

To learn more about engaging with any of the five NSFM's Advisory Committees, [Click Here](#)

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

NSFM Launches Krown Discount Program

NSFM is pleased to announce the following discount program for elected leaders and staff working within the broader municipal sector in Nova Scotia. [Krown](#) and NSFM present the following discount program on services offered by Krown:

- 15% off discount on all Krown Vehicle Products
- Offer valid for all elected leaders, staff, and their friends and family
- Presentation of the Dealer Promo Code required

Click [Krown Discount Program](#) for more program information, including the Dealer Promo Code to access your benefit.

CCBF Program Update

In 2024, the provincial and federal governments signed a new 10-year agreement for the Canada Community-Building Fund. The new agreement places special emphasis on creating conditions for housing, while continuing to cover a full range of eligible infrastructure categories.

Verus as CCBF Program Coordinator to serve as a resource and work with municipalities and the [Department of Municipal Affairs](#).

- Visit the [CCBF webpage](#)
- More info? Contact tverus@nsfm.ca

NEWS

[Average Cape Breton household lost \\$4K due to Hurricane Fiona: report](#)

[Bible Hill population could double if development goes ahead as planned](#)

[CBRM budget passes with increased operational spending, less for capital projects](#)

[Crime tops citizens' concerns at CBRM pre-budget meetings](#)

[Here are the salaries for every mayor, warden, and councillor in Nova Scotia](#)

[‘Hundreds’ of rats take over parking lot, damaging vehicles](#)

[Librarians to rally at Halifax city hall over proposed cuts](#)

[Mayors on either side of the border on proposed tolls](#)

[New wastewater plant in Chester Basin backed by \\$17.5M investment](#)

[Property owner says it’s restricting public access to part of Dartmouth Cove](#)

[Victoria County byelection for District 3 seat slated for May 30](#)

[West Hants affordable housing project ready for residents](#)

FUNDING

Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The Funding Portal is a joint initiative of the Department of Municipal Affairs and the [Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities](#). Our mission is simple: make finding and applying for grants easy and efficient — so you can focus on building stronger communities. nsfunding.ca.

Job Order Contracting

[NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) provides a diverse range of procurement options for our members, including [Gordian](#), an approved program supplier. Municipal units are facing ongoing challenges with routine operational projects: delays, unpredictable costs, lengthy bidding processes, and strained contractor relationships. What if there was a proven method to complete multiple routine repairs, renovations, and maintenance projects faster, with greater transparency, and under a single competitively awarded contract?

In this [insightful video you will hear directly why Job Order Contracting \(JOC\)](#) is emerging as a game-changing innovation for organizations like yours. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

NSFM/Canoe Technology

The world is connected at every level. The [NSFM/Canoe Technology Program](#) keeps your organization running smoothly with technology solutions including computers, printers, network server equipment, communication software, cloud computing technology, and more, all designed to meet your unique needs. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Fitness Supply

Procuring fitness equipment can be a marathon of work. Through the [NSFM/Canoe Fitness Supply Program](#), your municipal unit has access to plenty of options and sources to assist with your gym or recreation facilities needs. The program provides a simplified process at best-value pricing and works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Police Services Turn to AI Amid Staffing Pressures

This [news article](#) outlines how police agencies across Alberta are expanding their use of artificial intelligence as staffing shortages and public safety demands continue to grow. The Calgary Police Service has rolled out Microsoft Copilot service-wide,

including software that drafts reports from body-worn camera audio. Edmonton police are also testing AI-powered facial recognition technology in partnership with Axon, with oversight and privacy reviews built into the pilot process.

As AI adoption accelerates, police leaders say they are balancing innovation with evolving legal and ethical standards while awaiting further legislative guidance.

[HR Covered](#) is a program partner of NSFM. Reach out to the advisory team if you need more information on this item, as well as many other great HR resources offered at **no-charge** to municipal units in NS. More info: partnerships@hrcovered.com

Insurance Tips: Spring Maintenance

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.

The season is changing and there is much to do to get ready for spring and summer. Please refer to our [Spring Maintenance Tips](#).

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. Reserve your next stay and save. Plus, earn valuable Aeroplan points on every eligible stay. Did you know that **Park'N Fly offers a discount of up to 20% on airport parking and if you use the discount code, parking is 40% cheaper than parking in the airport lot.**

WEBINARS

Canada's Approach to Online Harm Policy

webinar will provide an overview of the broader federal policy and governance landscape around online harms, including illegal and harmful content, behaviours, and the ways online platforms and technologies can amplify or enable harm. The session will draw on applied examples of digital policy approaches and regulatory models from other jurisdictions and support a shared understanding of how municipalities navigate this federal policy landscape, given their proximity to community-level impacts and their jurisdictional and resource constraints.

- April 22 @ 2 pm (Atlantic)
- [Register here](#)

Presented by the [Strong Cities Network Prevention Academy Canada](#)

Recap: LBMX Member Training

Did you miss the recent [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program LBMX Trade webinar](#), featuring training on Invoices & Accounts Payable processing? This session was designed to help you get up to speed with Canoe's new platform and get hands-on guidance from our team of experts. If you missed the webinar, you can still access the recording [here](#).

RESOURCES

[Winter Municipal Observer](#)

The magazine for the **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities**

[Fall/Winter Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The magazine for the **Atlantic Region of Municipalities**



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