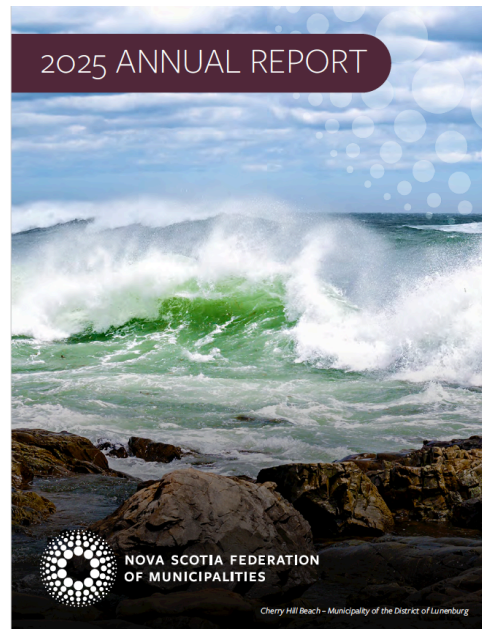


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Monday Memo



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NSFM's 2025 Annual Report is Now Available.

The report highlights a year of advocacy, collaboration, member engagement, and service delivery on behalf of Nova Scotia municipalities. It showcases key achievements across NSFM's strategic priorities, including municipal sustainability, governance, climate resilience, member education, communications, and value-added programs and services.

From advancing municipal priorities with provincial and federal partners to delivering conferences, training opportunities, and member supports, the report reflects

We invite members to explore the report and learn more about the initiatives, accomplishments, and partnerships that shaped the past year. [Read Report.](#)

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Calculating Insurance Premiums

Join us for an upcoming NSFM Lunch and Learn: Calculating Insurance Premiums (A.K.A. What You Need to Know) on Thursday, June 18 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. This session is designed to help municipal leaders and staff better understand how commercial insurance premiums are calculated, what factors influence costs, and what practical steps may help shape your municipality's insurance profile over time.

Guest Speaker: Peter Fraser, BBA, CAIB, CIP, Senior Account Executive, Gallagher
To Register: [Click Here](#)

NEW & NOTEWORTHY



Whether through land-use planning, infrastructure investment, or emergency management, municipalities across Nova Scotia are advancing how they identify flood risk and integrate resilience into municipal operations and community planning.

Facilitated by NSFM, this session will explore practical approaches to addressing flood risk through municipal operations, with a focus on strengthening public awareness and community engagement around flood readiness. Participants will also gain insight into how flood maps can support municipal decision-making, and guide planning and emergency preparedness efforts.

Presenters: Kathryn Bakos, Managing Director, Finance and Resilience, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation, University of Waterloo, and Daniel Bryce, Senior Planner, Department of Municipal Affairs, Province of Nova Scotia

- **Date:** June 11, 2026
- **Time:** 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- [Register](#) today to secure your spot.

Common Currents: A Joint Workshop on Stormwater Management in African Nova Scotian Communities

NSFM and partners are hosting a small-group experience to bring together technical expertise and community leadership for feedback on a new Guidance Document for municipalities working on stormwater management issues in African Nova Scotian communities. Managing stormwater has real-world impact and we want to ensure this work reflects the lived realities of residents while demonstrating ways to partner on mitigation and adaptation efforts. Join us to share your expertise and help us finalize a document that makes a difference.

- **Date:** June 15 (10 am- 2pm)
- **Location:** Royal Canadian Legion, 310 Main Street, Wolfville
- Capacity is limited, registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Honourarium for community participants is available.
- **Contact:** dcoffey@nsfm.ca for more information.
- [Register here](#)

HCi3 Fund Releases New EV Siting Guide

property owners navigate the key decisions involved in developing EV charging infrastructure. The guide provides practical information on selecting the right charger, assessing site suitability, planning for future expansion, and understanding the business considerations associated with public charging stations.

Learn more and download the guide: [HCi3 EV Siting Guide](#).

NSFM Listserv: Coming Soon...Sign Up Now!

This summer, NSFM will launch a new listserv designed to connect and support Nova Scotia's broader municipal sector. Participation is **free** and **open** to **municipal leaders and staff** across the province.

The listserv will:

- Support the exchange of information related to municipal practices and procedures
- Encourage collaboration and cooperation among municipal units
- Foster a community of shared interests across the municipal sector
- Provide a forum to share ideas, requests for information, best practices, and knowledge
- Serve as a key communication channel for the municipal sector
- Share relevant NSFM news, programs, services, and professional development opportunities

Sign up for the listserv [here](#). Read the listserv [guidelines](#).

Indigenous Language Learning Courses

The [Outdoor Learning School & Store](#) is offering two upcoming courses that municipal leaders and staff will find valuable and interesting, especially as many organizations move along a path towards truth and reconciliation.

- September 2026: [Mi'kmaw Introductory Language Course](#)
- Fall 2026: [4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning Course](#)
- More information: info@outdoorlearning.com

National Dental Care Day

The [National Dental Care Day Foundation](#) is promoting [National Dental Care Day](#), a Canada-wide volunteer, and public awareness initiative focused on promoting oral health education, preventive care awareness, community wellness and equitable

of dental professionals, educators, students, volunteers and community organizations working to strengthen healthier communities through service and compassion. For information on how your municipal unit can participate or proclaim the day, please contact Dr. Raj Khanuja: rajdds@yahoo.com.

NEWS

[Affordable housing group buys Wolfville building, will prioritize student renters](#)

[Bridgewater Fire Department celebrates 150 years of service](#)

[Free service 'goodwill' for ferry disruptions? Council votes no](#)

[Ian Nicholson wins Victoria County byelection by 9-vote margin](#)

[Mahone Bay mayor concerned about impacts of upcoming BMO closure](#)

[New Community Market seeks local vendors in Port Hawkesbury](#)

[N.S. MLA calling on Carney to stop N.B. toll highway](#)

[To stream or not to stream? The pros and cons for N.S. municipalities](#)

[Town settles with Ontario woman over alleged excessive force arrest](#)

[Tribunal orders WHRM to allow wind farm that council tried to block](#)

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.

Fund Navigator Program Update

The NSFM Fund Navigation Program supports municipal units in finding and accessing funding opportunities. Explore the [Funding Portal](#) or contact Chantel Gushue, NSFM's Fund Navigator, at fundnavigator@nsfm.ca for assistance.

- [Rapid Adaptation Projects: Adaptation in Action](#): FGM-GMF funds up to \$75,000 to help small and rural communities implement immediate climate adaptation projects that reduce risks from wildfires, floods, heat, and infrastructure.
Deadline: June 23, 2026
- [Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund \(SCCF\), Round 4](#): Provincial fund supporting community efforts to reduce or remove greenhouse gas emissions, and/or to prepare for and respond to the impacts of a changing climate.
Deadline for Pre-Screening: June 25, 2026
- [New Horizons for Seniors Program - Community-Based Projects](#): ESDC funding provides up to \$50,000 for projects that enhance seniors' social inclusion, participation, and community engagement.
Deadline: July 14, 2026
- [Accessible Canada – National AccessAbility Week Funding](#): ESDC funding for National AccessAbility Week projects that promote accessibility, inclusion, and awareness of the contributions of persons with disabilities.
Deadline: July 28, 2026

PROGRAMS

Indoor Air Quality Guide

Through a partnership with [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Group](#), approved supplier [Bunzl](#) presents the [Indoor Air Quality Guide](#). Learn why air quality matters for occupant health, productivity, and infection prevention, including indoor air issues, best practices, and practical, cost-effective steps to improve ventilation and filtration. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support.

Driver Training Solutions

The [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Group](#) are pleased to announce that Driver Training Solutions (DTS), a division of Acron Aviation, has been awarded a purchasing contract for [Public Safety Training and Simulation Equipment and Technology](#). Through this award, municipal units can now purchase professional driving simulators and training services directly through the contract — quickly, compliantly, and without running their own bid process.

Dependable Emergency Vehicles

The [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Group](#) partners with [Dependable Emergency Vehicles](#) one of Canada's respected builders of custom fire and emergency apparatus designed, engineered, manufactured, and supported right here in Canada. From pumpers and tankers to rescues and specialty emergency vehicles, Dependable plays a critical role in supporting frontline responders.

Domestic Violence Leave Case Signals Risk for Employers

A recent case in Yukon is putting a spotlight on how employers handle domestic violence leave and the legal risks when they get it wrong. The employer has admitted discrimination [in a case where an employee's contract ended shortly after returning from domestic violence leave](#). The employee had a history of renewals but was let go days after her return, raising concerns about bias and assumptions tied to protected leave. A decision on the matter is pending. Employment decisions made around protected leaves, especially sensitive ones like domestic violence, can quickly lead to discrimination claims if not handled carefully and objectively.

[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](#).

Krown Discount

[Krown](#) and NSFM offer a discount program on services offered by Krown, for the benefit of elected leaders and staff working within the broader municipal sector in

- [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.

WEBINARS

Upcoming Funding Sessions

- [The Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund, Round 4](#), information webinar
June 11, 10:30 am ADT, [Register here](#)
- [Accessible Canada – National AccessAbility Week Funding](#)
17 juin, 2026, à 14h00 ADT (séance en français), [Inscrivez ici](#)
June 18, 2026, at 2:00 pm ADT (English session), [Register here](#)

RESOURCES

[Winter 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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