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**National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP)—Deadline of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**  
***The deadline to submit your NDMP application to Department of Municipal Affairs is noon on October 23, 2018.***

Municipalities can apply for funding under any of the following four funding streams:

1. Risk assessments;
2. Flood mapping;
3. Mitigation Planning; and
4. Investments in Non-structural and Small Scale Structural Mitigation Projects.

The NDMP application form, reference documents, and information can be found on the PSC website located at the following link:

<https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/mrgnc-mngmnt/dsstr-prvntn-mtgtn/ndmp/index-en.aspx>

Please note, this is the last Cycle for the NDMP program and Projects submitted for this last round of applications must be completed by March 31, 2020.

The completed application form, accompanied by a Resolution of Council supporting the project, should be forwarded to Jason Bell at [Jason.Bell@NovaScotia.ca](mailto:Jason.Bell@NovaScotia.ca)

Please free to contact Jason Bell (902-424-5655) should you have any questions. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### Develop Nova Scotia Engagement Sessions Recap

Develop Nova Scotia has finished their engagement sessions on rural Internet. The following report provides a recap of the engagement sessions, as well as some information on their expanded mandate.

Here is the report, "[Engagement Sessions Recap](#)". [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### Municipal Finance Corporation's September 2018 Newsletter

Click [here](#) to view Municipal Finance Corporations' Quarterly Newsletter [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### Print Services Through Halifax Regional Municipality's In-House Print Centre

During the recent FCM conference in Halifax, there were a number of requests for information that were filtered to the Halifax Regional Municipality Print Centre in regard to Tax Bill order fulfillment and preparation.

Since the HRM Print Centre is part of the MASH Sector (Municipalities, Agencies, School Boards, and Hospitals) it is able to offer services to the same.

It operates on a cost recovery basis (and does not mark up products for profit) and offer many services at little or no additional cost. This may include such things as procurement, design, file handling etc. They also have an online ordering portal with exceptionally secure servers which their IT department can setup for individual or enterprise access.

They are also able to offer data manipulation and stabilization for variable data projects such as Tax Bills, Collection Letters, Summonses, etc.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in these services, please do not hesitate to reach out. Mr. Donald Garrison, Manager of Print Services, is available for a one on

one discussion, as well as Q&A in a group setting. For more information, please call 902-490-6779, HRM Print Centre. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

### Provincial Legislation on Minimum Planning Standards

Provincial Legislation on Minimum Planning Standards: The Province tabled new legislation on Tuesday, September 25. The legislation will require all municipalities to undertake a minimum level of planning in accordance with the provincial statements of interest (agriculture, drinking water, flooding, infrastructure and housing). The legislation will also require municipalities to consult with their neighbours, but individual municipalities will determine how this consultation will take place. The Act does not force them to reach consensus, each municipality will be responsible for their own plan. Regulations will be developed, which is where specifics will be found at a later date. The link to the proposed legislation is : <https://nslegislature.ca/legislative-business/bills-statutes/bills/assembly-63-session-2/bill-58>. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

### Treaty Day Invitation

Kwe', Hello.

On behalf of the Mi'kmaq Grand Council and the Government of Nova Scotia, we cordially invite you to attend the 2018 Mi'kmaq Treaty Day Celebrations taking place on Monday, October 1, in Halifax.

Treaty Day will launch Mi'kmaq History Month, celebrated every year in October, which recognizes the important contributions and vibrant heritage and culture of the Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia. It is an opportunity to honour the historic treaty relationship between the Mi'kmaq and the Crown as we come together in peace and friendship to celebrate - "We Are All Treaty People".

The 2018 Treaty Day Award Ceremony will begin at **11:45 a.m. in the Nova Scotia Ballroom in the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront, 1919 Upper Water Street**. Achievements of the Mi'kmaq elders and youth will be celebrated, and major awards will be given out including the Grand Chief Donald Marshall Memorial Elder Award, the Chief Noel Doucette Memorial Youth Award, the Grand Chief Donald Marshall Scholarship Fund Award and the Sister Dorothy Moore Mi'kmaq Education Scholarships. The official ceremonies include a Mi'kmaq Gathering Feast and the unveiling of the Mi'kmaq History Month poster.

Other events on Treaty Day include a flag raising at Government House at 8:30 a.m., a church service at Saint Mary's Basilica at 9:30 a.m. and a Veterans Parade of Honour and flag raising in Halifax's Grand Parade, beginning at 10:45 a.m. A copy of the poster with the full schedule is attached.

Please RSVP your attendance for the awards ceremony, only, by September 25, to the Office of Aboriginal Affairs by emailing [OAA@novascotia.ca](mailto:OAA@novascotia.ca) or phoning 902-424-7409.

Wela'lin, Thank you,

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Grand Keptin  
Mi'kmaq Grand Council

Honourable Stephen McNeil  
Premier  
Nova Scotia [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### NSFM Rural Internet Workshop

October 11th, Holiday Inn, Truro, 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### AMANS 2018 Conference

October 16-19, 2018, Inverary Resort, Baddeck, NS. [Click here for more information and to register.](#) [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Training Program

Nova Scotia's Accessibility Act was proclaimed in September 2017 with a goal to make the province accessible by 2030. Later this month, the Nova Scotia Accessibility Directorate will be releasing the Government of Nova Scotia Accessibility Strategy and Implementation Plan, outlining how the Province will achieve this goal. Once prescribed under the Act, municipalities will also be required to produce accessibility plans, within one year.

Ensuring the built environment is accessible to persons with disabilities will be a key component of municipal accessibility plans. The Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF) has developed a universal accessibility standard in the built environment through an RHF Accessibility Certification program, similar to LEED certification.

This fall, the Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC) will be delivering The Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification Assessor Training Course, and is targeting the course to municipal staff. Participants in this course will learn how to evaluate the accessibility of buildings and sites by identifying barriers for persons with physical, sensory, learning and developmental disabilities.

Recognizing the value of ensuring that municipal staff are trained to identify accessibility gaps in the built environment, the Government of Nova Scotia will be covering half (\$550) of the \$1,100 registration cost of the upcoming course (note that travel costs are to be covered by the municipality). The course will be held at the NSCC Waterfront Campus in Dartmouth.

For further information on The Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification Assessor Training Course, please visit the NSCC website [here](#). To receive an application form for the course, please email [RHFAC@nsc.ca](mailto:RHFAC@nsc.ca). [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### Product Stewardship Institute—Webinar on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

The Product Stewardship Institute is hosting a webinar on EPR on October 31<sup>st</sup>, and registration is free. The webinar will include John Coyne, Executive Chair of the Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance (CSSA), and Vice President of Unilever Canada.

<https://www.productstewardship.us/event/Global-BMPs-Packaging-EPR-Circular-Economy> [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### NSFM 2018 Conference


November 6-9, 2018, Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, NS. [Event Program and Registration Package now available.](#) [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### AMANS HR Module Labour Law, HR Policy and Benefits Plan

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### AMANS Financial Management 3—for Elected Officials

November 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, Location to be determined. Click [here](#) for more information. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

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