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October is Library Month in Nova Scotia

Warden Jimmy MacAlpine, President of LBANS, wants to draw your attention to “October – Library Month in Nova Scotia”. This is a good time for all to visit libraries more often and to join a library to experience the many benefits they offer your community.

Nova Scotia author and columnist John DeMont has declared these times as “the golden age of the library in Nova Scotia.” It is good to see the current revitalization of our libraries. Mr. DeMont puts forward his view that “libraries are emerging as our new communal meeting places.”

Anyone who has recently visited one of Nova Scotia’s libraries 80 branches will agree that the wide range of services offers a vast enhancement of traditional library offerings. There are “story times” for various age groups, help with research, crafts of various sorts, knitting circles, a wide and deep variety of videos for borrowing, bicycles to borrow – and, oh yes, thousands of books from which to choose your old favourites – and try out new authors. Special programs are offered for each season of the year that offer

opportunities for new learning and continued enjoyment. Several regions offer bookmobiles, and all offer Books by Mail, thus extending service to those unable to visit the library.

If you wish to learn more, please contact your local library staff. Locations may be found at <https://library.novascotia.ca/map>. Many of our library branches have formed “Friends of the Library” associations through which you can support your local library.

LBANS wishes you good reading, increased social contacts, and pleasant experiences – not only in October but throughout all the year. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

Opportunities to Serve on Provincial Agencies, Board, and Commissions—2018 Fall Campaign

Looking for an opportunity to serve your community and build your resume?

People from all communities and walks of life are needed to serve on Nova Scotia’s agencies, boards and commissions (ABCs).

Applications are now being accepted for a wide variety of volunteer opportunities with more than 150 ABCs – ranging from colleges and boards of self-regulated health professions, such as the colleges of chiropractors, counselling therapists, physiotherapists and paramedics, to cultural organizations, such as Arts Nova Scotia, and police advisory boards.

All Nova Scotia residents are invited to apply. Applications for some opportunities are due by November 19. Applications for many other positions are accepted year-round.

To learn more about current opportunities and to apply, visit the [ABC website](#) or call 902-424-4877 or 1-866-206-6844. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

Publication of Next Issue

Due to the NSFMC Conference, the next issue of “Municipal Matters” will be published and sent out on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

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

The Product Stewardship Institute is hosting a webinar on EPR on October 31st, 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 16th, 2018. Click [here](#) for more information. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

AMANS Financial Management 3—for Elected Officials

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

Workshops for Integrating Climate Considerations into Asset Management Planning

The purpose of these workshops is to help municipalities incorporate climate risks into their asset management planning practices. NSFM is working with a local group – ClimAction Services – to develop the workshops, which are aimed at enhancing local asset management practices by providing municipalities with the information and tools they need to include climate considerations into their long-term infrastructure planning. Doing so will help position municipalities to take the necessary steps to proactively adapt their assets to climate risks.

Two one-day workshops are being planned:

- Monday November 26 at the Fairbanks Centre in Dartmouth
- Wednesday, November 28 at the NSCC in Middleton

In the coming weeks, more details will be provided and an announcement to let you know when registration for the workshops is open. In the meantime, please mark your calendars and stay tuned!

If you have any questions about the workshops, please contact Debbie Nielsen at NSFM (by telephone - 902 423-8312 or email - dnielsen@nsfm.ca). [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

These initiatives are offered through the Municipal Asset Management Program, which is delivered by the [Federation of Canadian Municipalities](#) and funded by the Government of Canada.



AMANS Workshop: “Leading in the Grey: Relationships, Decision Making and Innovation

November 29-30, 2018, Delta Hotel, Dartmouth, NS

Cost is \$450 for AMANS/NSFM Members; \$610 for non-members.

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