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—NSFM'S E-News-Letter

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## And The Winner Is....

NSFM's new E-News-Letter now has a new name for the new look. NSFM Staff all suggested names and the NSFM Board had the honour of choosing the winning name. **Judy Webber's** Municipal Matters was the favoured name. Congratulations, Judy! ([Click here to return to top.](#))

## Independent Review of Forest Practices

As you may already be aware, Professor Bill Lahey has completed his Independent Review of Forest Practices, and released his report to the public, and the department, earlier today. You can find a copy of the report at [https://novascotia.ca/natr/forestry/Forest\\_Review/](https://novascotia.ca/natr/forestry/Forest_Review/)

The Review involved many stakeholders who have made tremendous efforts to share their information, knowledge, and points of view with Professor Lahey on how to best manage our forests. I wish to acknowledge and thank those who have facilitated Professor Lahey's efforts.

Now that we have received the report, the work begins for our department to thoroughly analyze the report and its' recommendations.

Lands and Forestry will keep you informed of our progress and will be using various means including e-mails and our website (<https://novascotia.ca/natr/>) to keep you up to date. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

### QUEST and Department of Energy Deliver Workshops on Local Energy Systems

QUEST and the NS Department of Energy are partnering to deliver a series of workshops aimed at helping community stakeholders understand their local energy systems. They will be delivering them in 6 municipalities around Nova Scotia, including Port Hawkesbury, Chester, Town of Yarmouth, Kentville, Truro and Town of Pictou.

These full-day sessions will be engaging, free of charge and open to all who are interested. You will go through a fun mapping exercise with real maps of the communities and discuss diverse systems, such as electricity, thermal energy, transportation and land use planning.

Workshop dates are as follows (links to registration pages):

September 5 - [Chester](#)  
September 6 - [Pictou](#)  
September 7 - [Port Hawkesbury](#)  
September 20 - [Kentville](#)  
September 21 - [Yarmouth](#)  
September 27 - [Truro](#)

**Although the workshops are free, you are required to register to help determine numbers for catering.**

For more information about the workshops, contact: Samantha Peverill at [mspeverill@gmail.com](mailto:mspeverill@gmail.com) or 902.240.0165 ([Click here to return to top.](#))

### New Application Deadline for FCM's Asset Management Grants

Since the call for applications opened in spring 2017, FCM has received a large volume of high quality submissions from across Canada for direct funding through the Municipal

Asset Management Program (MAMP). As a result, FCM has updated the deadline for municipalities to submit a grant application through MAMP.

For Nova Scotia, the call for applications for asset management grants will close on **October 23, 2018** or until funding is fully allocated.

[Apply today.](#)

Contact FCM:

Toll free: 1-877-997-9926

[programs@fcm.ca](mailto:programs@fcm.ca) [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### AIM Network's 2018 Atlantic Asset Management Conference

September 6-7, 2018, Moncton, NB. <https://www.aimnetwork.ca/2018-conference/>.

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.](#) [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### Atlantic Mayors' Congress

October 17-19, 2018, St. John's, NL. Please mark your calendar for St. John's NL. It is a while since we have met in Newfoundland and Labrador. It is great to be returning to the capital. Mayor Breen and the host committee are putting together an exciting event and engaging agenda. If you have an item for our agenda please pass it along with your recommendations for presentation. We begin with a reception Wednesday evening followed by a full day agenda Thursday, a keynote dinner Thursday evening and a half day meeting on Friday.

We will be meeting in the St. John's Convention Centre. We have booked a block of rooms at the adjoining Delta Hotel. Here is contact information to book your room.

Direct link [Book your group rate for Atlantic Mayors Congress](#)

Our hotel contact is Kim Finley 709-570-1608 or [kim.finley@whg.com](mailto:kim.finley@whg.com)

Your RSVP to Mark Kerrigan, Executive Director, will be a great help: [atlanticmayors@gmail.com](mailto:atlanticmayors@gmail.com)  
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### National Trust Conference 2018

The 2018 National Trust Conference is headed to Fredericton later this year (October 18-20, 2018) and it features many workshops/sessions of interest to government officials of all levels. Here is just a sampling:

- Keynote by Glen Murray (Current Executive Director of the Pembina Institute, Former Mayor of Winnipeg and Ontario Minister of the Environment) on how capitalizing on historic buildings and districts makes social, economic, and environmental sense
- Plenary session with Daniel Abramson (Boston University) and Annmarie Adams (McGill University) on turning the tide on our culture of disposable buildings
- Sessions featuring developers, planners, and elected municipal officials on the roles of the public and private sectors in heritage development
- Special workshops on Implementing Digital Heritage Inventories and Surveys, and Downtown Revitalization

Visit our website to see the full schedule: [www.nationaltrustconference.ca](http://www.nationaltrustconference.ca). ([Click here to return to top.](#))

### Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homeless Symposium 2018

October 24-26, 2018, Canmore, AB. ([Click here for more information.](#)) ([Click here to return to top.](#))

### NSFM 2018 Conference

November 6-9, 2018, Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, NS. Look for Preliminary Program and Registration Package by September 10<sup>th</sup>. ([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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