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NSFM'S E-News-Letter

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## Introduction from the new CEO at the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities



I am thrilled to be writing you as CEO of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM). It is an honour to have been selected to lead the experienced and committed team at NSFM as we work to represent the interests of all Nova Scotia's 50 municipalities.

Thank you to everyone who reached out to me back in January when the announcement of my appointment was first made. Your warm welcome was much appreciated.

I come to this position with a background in public policy and advocacy. I have experience working for both local and national organizations. Most recently, I was the Executive Director of a member-based association similar in size to NSFM but with a mandate to represent the business community. I was the voice for my members with government and other stakeholders, promoted economic development and collaborated with others in support of common business interests.

Over the next few weeks I will be working with my team, and the NSFM Board, to get up to speed quickly. My primary focus will be understanding those issues you voted on as priorities and areas of concern through the resolution process. I recognize the scope of NSFM's work is far broader than these ten issues and I commit to engaging in all areas as soon as possible.

It is also my goal to meet with you, our members. My intention is to work with the board over the next few months to set up a provincial tour. It is important for me to learn first-hand about your successes as well as the issues facing your municipalities. Your experiences will help shape our advocacy efforts. As it will take time to make my way around this great province, I look forward to meeting many of you for the first time at upcoming regional and caucus meetings.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I can be reached at [jspencer@nsfm.ca](mailto:jspencer@nsfm.ca) or by calling the office at 902-423-8331.

Kind regards,

Juanita Spencer

CEO

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### [CNSOPB Incident Bulletin: High Potential Near Miss/Dropped Object](#)

ExxonMobil Canada Ltd. (ExxonMobil) has reported a near miss incident involving a dropped object on the Thebaud platform.

On January 24, 2019, while workers were erecting scaffolding, a three-meter scaffold pole weighing 11.8 kilograms slipped through a small gap and landed on a deck 9 meters below. There was no one in the immediate area at the time, and there were no injuries. ExxonMobil advised that ongoing work was immediately stopped, and that a safety stand down was conducted.

Although there were no injuries associated with this incident, it was determined that it had the potential for fatality if a worker had been in the immediate area, and has thus been classified as a high potential near miss. The incident remains under investigation by ExxonMobil, which is being monitored by CNSOPB Safety Officers.

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### [FCM is Accepting Applications to Fund Capital Projects](#)

You have until **March 1, 2019**, to apply for a loan of up to \$5 million, combined with a grant, from FCM's Green Municipal Fund.

FCM funds innovative environmental capital projects in communities of all sizes across the country. Projects can include building a new energy-efficient recreational centre on a remediated brownfield, purchasing properly sized municipal vehicles for various uses, and equipping an existing wastewater treatment facility with alternative, innovative systems and more.

[Learn more and apply today](#) [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### [NSFM Spring Workshop and Fall Conference Session Topics Requested](#)

Don't forget to send in your Suggestions/Ideas for future Spring Workshop and Fall Conference. Deadline is **February 7, 2019**, so there is still time. For more information click [here](#). [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### [Reminder to Respond to 2018 Recommendation on Council Compensation Adjustments](#)

NSFM would like to know whether or not your municipality has made any changes in response to these new tax rules. Responses are due by **March 29, 2019**. Click [here](#) for more information. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### [Reminder to Respond to Built Environment Standard Development Committee—Deadline of February 18, 2019](#)

NSFM is seeking one member to serve on the Built Environment Standard Development Committee at the Nova Scotia Accessibility Directorate in the Department of Justice. Click [here](#) for more information. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

### [Reminder to Respond to Interest in Pilot Program on the CAP](#)

NSFM is interested in finding out how many municipal units across Nova Scotia would be interested in participating in some kind of pilot program to remove or phase out the CAP. Click [here](#) for more information. [\(Click here to return to top.\)](#)

**AIM Network's Asset Management Webinar: Tuesday, February 12, 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

**Speakers:** Hans Pfeil, Argyle, NS; Paul Johnston, City of Charlottetown, PEI; Myrna Goosney, CBS, NL and Daisy Foster, AIM Network

An asset management roadmap is a work plan that helps municipalities to prioritize their asset management activities over one or more years in an integrated and coordinated way across the whole municipality. Join this webinar to learn from the Municipality of Argyle, NS, the City of Charlottetown, PEI, and Glenburnie-Birchy Head – Shoal Brook, NL – municipalities that have recently developed asset management roadmaps through the Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network's cohort program. Learn about the simple template they used to develop their work plan, the first big steps they will and how they expect their roadmap will help them to improve governance, efficiencies and performance improvements over the next few years. Time for participant questions will be provided.


**REGISTER NOW** at [www.aimnetwork.ca](http://www.aimnetwork.ca) (Fee: \$50 + HST) ([Click here to return to top.](#))

**Save the Date—Atlantic Asset Management Conference—September 5-6, 2019**  
**"PIECING IT ALL TOGETHER: AWARENESS TO IMPLEMENTATION"**

After a successful 2018 Atlantic-wide Asset Management Conference inaugural conference in Moncton, the Atlantic Infrastructure Management Network is excited to be planning the *second Atlantic Asset Management Conference, September 5-6, 2019*, at the beautiful *Sheraton Hotel* in *St. John's, NL*.

At the conference you can expect insightful and real-life experience and examples of approaches to asset management from municipalities across Atlantic Canada, as well as inspiring keynotes, workshops, provincial and national updates and more.

If you have topics or case studies you would like to see or share, AIM Network want to hear from you! Email the details to [info@aimnetwork.ca](mailto:info@aimnetwork.ca). Watch for a call for presentations coming soon and check for regular updates on AIM Network's website at [www.aimnetwork.ca](http://www.aimnetwork.ca), where you can also access all the 2018 presentations. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

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