

MONDAY MEMO



All the NSFM News You Need for the Week

TO: Mayors, Wardens, Councillors and CAOs, All Units

FR: Amy Pugsley Fraser, Communications Advisor

RE: *YOUR MONDAY MEMO*



- **LAST CALL:** Accessibility Workshops & Resolutions Sessions
- It's Award Season at NSFM!
- **GET INVOLVED:** Join the NSFM Board or a Committee
- **HOT OFF THE PRESS:** Solid Waste Study & Green Fund Reports
- Doctor Recruitment Program Funding Deadline
- Pace Yourself For the PACE Workshop

• **Last Call: Accessibility Workshops**

It's time to get ready for the new Accessibility Legislation by attending workshops for municipal governments hosted by the **Nova Scotia Accessibility Directorate**.

The two-hour workshops will offer tips on compliance and provide ways for you to meet the accessibility needs of your community, through the creation of an **Accessibility Advisory Committee** and an **Accessibility Plan**.

Many of the steps that will be shared were piloted in the **Town of Wolfville**, which developed Nova Scotia's first comprehensive municipal accessibility plan.

The cost to attend is free and [registration for the workshop can be found here](#) (hit **Control Click** to follow link).

Questions? Reach out to Joshua Bates at Joshua.bates@novascotia.ca or 902-424-5311.

South Shore: Sept. 18, 1-3 p.m. at Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre, Bridgewater

South West Shore: Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-12 noon at Yarmouth Town Hall, Yarmouth

Strait Area: Sept. 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, Port Hawkesbury

Cumberland/Pictou: Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-12 noon at Truro Fire Hall, Truro

Valley: Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-12 noon at Kentville Town Hall, Council Chambers

• **Climate Change Leaders Award**

NSFM is extending the deadline for applications for the **Climate Change Leaders Award** to Sept. 20 due to the impact of Hurricane Dorian.

The award honors municipalities that have demonstrated exemplary leadership in climate change adaptation and/or mitigation through the implementation of initiatives and creation of awareness.

Complete the application at the top of the Monday Memo by Sept. 20 and submit it to dnielsen@nsfm.ca. The successful applicant will be announced at NSFM's fall conference on November 6.

Previous recipients include:

- **2018: The Town of Bridgewater** for *Energize Bridgewater* - a community-wide initiative to accelerate the community's transition to a clean energy economy
- **2017: The Towns of Antigonish, Berwick and Mahone Bay** for their collaboration on the Alternative Resource Energy Authority's Wind Farm in Ellershouse

- 2016: **The District of Digby, District of Lunenburg, District of Shelburne and Town of Bridgewater** for their *Clean Energy Financing Programs*.

- **Carbon Surcharge Fund Award**

Help reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in your municipality by applying to the \$2,400 Carbon Surcharge Fund Award.

Back in 2012, NSFM's Board of Directors passed a motion to add a \$5 carbon surcharge to its spring and fall conference registration fee to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions generated from hosting these events.

The money is held in a special account and disbursed annually to support local, small-scale initiatives to help a municipality reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

This year, NSFM has \$2,400 to disburse from the Carbon Surcharge Fund and is inviting interested municipalities to apply – the application link is at the top of the email. NSFM will announce the funding recipient at its fall conference on November 6.

- **Solid Waste Efficiency Study**

The eagerly anticipated *Solid Waste Efficiency Study* is now available through your Solid Waste Regional Chair.

MEDIA EMBARGO Please note that the study and its contents are under a media embargo until September 23 and are not to be discussed publicly until that time.

Solid Waste Regional Chairs:

Region 1 – Amanda McDougall - ammcdougall@cbrm.ns.ca

Region 2a – Vernon Pitts - vpitts@modg.ca

Region 2b – Jim Ryan - jim.ryan@townofpictou.ca

Region 3 – Tom Taggart - ttaggart@colchester.ca

Region 4 – Richard Zurawski - richard.zurawski@halifax.ca

Region 5 – John Kinsella - jkinsella@annapolisroyal.com

Region 6 – Michael Ernst - michael.ernst@modl.ca

Region 7 – Leland Anthony - leland@district.yarmouth.ns.ca

- **NSFM Board Openings**

Thinking of running for a spot on the NSFM Board? Please send us a brief bio and photo. Our members have told us they want to have information about candidates to help them make a more informed vote.

As in the past, delegates are welcome to declare candidacy for Board spots from the floor at the meeting itself.

Please send your info to abell@nsfm.ca

- **HBC Committee Opening**

NSFM's Health & Benefits Committee has a vacancy for an elected official.

The NSFM Health & Benefits Committee oversees the direction of the benefit programs sponsored by the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, which leverages the collective base of municipal employees to provide enhanced benefits, while maintaining lower costs for employees and employers.

The Committee reports directly to NSFM Board of Directors and makes recommendations to the Board for approval of significant matters. It meets 2 or 3 times annually, but additional meetings may be scheduled as required. Meetings can be in person or by phone.

Interested? Let us know by emailing abell@nsfm.ca.

- **Green Municipal Fund Annual Report**

[FCM's Green Municipal Fund 2018–2019 Annual Report](#) is now available on the FCM website.

The annual report showcases successful local green initiatives fueled by GMF training, resources and funding that deliver cleaner air and water, less waste, more energy efficiency and improved infrastructure. These initiatives demonstrate how action at the municipal level contributes to achieving national sustainability goals and builds better lives for Canadians.

- **Doctor Recruitment Program Deadline**

The deadline for application for a new grant program to support communities trying to attract and keep doctors and their families is Sept. 19.

In August, the provincial government launched the \$200,000 Healthy Communities Stream under the *Culture Innovation Fund*. It is meant to help community leaders successfully connect new doctors to communities.

The fund is meant to support recruitment and retention efforts by community groups and complement ongoing efforts by government and Nova Scotia Health Authority.

The new stream was developed with input from community groups, municipal leaders, health professionals and the health authority. Municipalities, museums, libraries, social enterprises, First Nations communities and community groups and cultural organizations that are registered



Nova Scotia not-for-profits may apply. Funding is available up to a maximum of \$25,000.

The goal is to give communities the flexibility to come up with creative, innovative ways to promote their communities to potential doctors, as a great place to live, work and raise a family. That could include producing material to promote communities or introduce doctors to opportunities in communities for recreation, education and other activities as well as welcoming packages.

For more information, visit <https://novascotia.ca/culture-innovation-fund-healthy-communities/>

• Pace Session

The PACE Steering Committee is hosting a session 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Banook Canoe Club to help shape its future in the province.

RSVP to karen.daniels@novascotia.ca.

The steering committee includes Department of Energy and Mines, Efficiency Nova Scotia, Clean Foundation, Halifax Regional Municipality, and Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.

• Last Call: NSFM Resolutions Meetings

Be informed! It's last call for registration for one of three **NSFM Resolutions** meetings taking place to prepare for the fall conference in November in Halifax.

*NSFM President **Waye Mason** will be there, along with NSFM CEO **Juanita Spencer**, policy advisor **Will Brooke** and communications advisor **Amy Pugsley Fraser**.*

Sept. 23 – Port Hawkesbury: Civic Centre, 606 Reeves Street, 1-3 p.m. in Bearhead Room

Sept. 27 – Coldbrook: Kings County Municipal Building, 181 Coldbrook Village Park Drive, 10 a.m.-12 noon in the Orchards/Vineyards Room

Sept. 30 – Truro: Holiday Inn Truro, 437 Prince Street, 3-5 p.m. in the Birch/Aspen Room

Please send an email to **Amanda Bell** abell@nsfm.ca at NSFM by Sept. 19 if you plan to attend so we know the numbers.

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The NSFM office is streamlining communications to you. All our news, notes, messages and reminders will now come in one weekly package.

If you have something to share, please reach out to apugsleyfraser@nsfm.ca for a future Monday Memo publication.



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