

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 SEPTEMBER 30*



- Resolutions Wrap Up
- Fall Conference Countdown
- GET INVOLVED: We Need a VP
- EGSPA Letter
- Doctor Recruitment Update
- EPR Graduate Survey



● Resolutions Wrap Up

Dozens of people turned out to three Resolutions sessions this week to set NSFM priorities for the fall conference.

The biggest session was held this afternoon in Truro when almost 20 people turned out to the Holiday Inn in Truro.

Other sessions were held last week in Port Hawkesbury and Coldbrook.

Members are being asked to keep the same five resolutions as last year including CAP, EPR, Roads, Municipal Funding and Municipal Modernization.

Votes will be taken at the fall conference during the Resolutions meetings on Nov. 8.

More information on NSFM Resolutions and Statements Of Interest is included in the 51-page Interim Resolutions Report, which was included with the Monday Memo sent on Sept. 9.

NSFM staff will be accepting feedback until October 4 on the resolutions.

A summary of what was said at the sessions and via emails will be included in next week's Memo. Stay tuned.

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



- **Conference Countdown**

All four provincial party leaders have been invited to address NSFM's fall conference in Halifax, being held at the Westin Halifax Hotel in November.

There are also sessions ranging from how immigration is helping communities grow and succeed; an FCM panel on how they can help your municipality; successful partnerships with First Nations; and how elected officials and staff can work together for the betterment of our communities.

The keynote address will be Bill Carr giving his take on *Deep Service: A Call to a Higher Level*.

For more information, click on <https://www.nsfm.ca/fall-conference-2019.html>

- **NSFM Looks for Broad Consultation on EGSPA**

NSFM is looking for broad consultation on the province's plan to renew the Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act (EGSPA).

NSFM President Wayne Mason sent a letter to Minister Gordon Wilson Friday, asking for a longer on-line consultation process, as well as broad in-person consultation, as part of EGSPA's renewal.

"Now more than ever, Nova Scotia needs strong, inclusive legislation that will help mitigate the impacts of climate change and strengthen our green economy," he writes in his letter, which is included as an attachment to your **Monday Memo**.

It is critical that extensive consultation with communities and organizations take place across Nova Scotia to ensure EGSPA remains a key driver for making our communities prosperous and resilient in the face of ever-changing climate.

Another opportunity for discussion, consultation and collaboration would be at the twice-annual Roundtable of the NSFM Executive and provincial Ministers, which has unfortunately not taken place this past spring.

- **Doctor Recruitment Update**

NSFM is a representative on a NSHA provincial advisory committee, providing advice about strategies for the recruitment and retention of doctors.

Recently, the Nova Scotia Health Authority released its first quarterly stakeholder update on the provincial recruitment strategy implemented in 2017-18.

It's provided as an attachment to the Monday Memo.

- **EPR Survey**

A Dalhousie University graduate student is doing some research around an NSFM priority area and is looking for input.

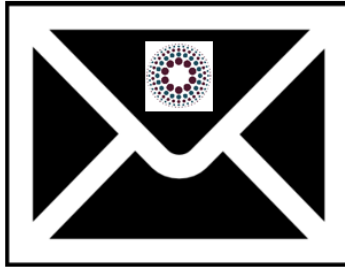
NSFM members are invited to take part in a graduate study underway at the School for Resource and Environmental Studies at Dalhousie University.

The study is examining the development of an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program targeting food packaging in the province of Nova Scotia.

This study seeks to engage members of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities for their expertise and past efforts to develop EPR for the packaging and printed paper (PPP) waste stream in the province.

For more information and to take part, contact Avalon Diggle, School for Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University, avalon.diggle@dal.ca, (506) 609-2211.

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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.