

MONDAY MEMO



All the NSFM News You Need for the Week



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• **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 Nov. 30 emailing abell@nsfm.ca. There is some urgency to filling this position in order to ensure quorum when the next renewal occurs in early 2020.

• Conference Presentations & Evaluation

Did you miss the 2019 Fall Conference in Halifax, or would you just like to review some of your favorite presentations from the event?

They're all up on the conference website now, along with a quick evaluation survey.

Just click on <https://www.nsfmconference.ca/> and access the evaluation form right off the home screen. The PRESENTATIONS file is listed at the far right of the top menu.

• Meet Your New Board

NSFM's 2019-20 Board was elected at the fall conference in early November held at the Westin Halifax Hotel.

Your board members are:

President: Mayor Pam Mood, Town of Yarmouth
Vice President: Deputy Mayor Emily Lutz, County of Kings
Immediate Past President: Councillor Waye Mason, HRM
Regional Caucus Chair: Councillor Clarence Prince, CBRM
Rural Caucus Chair: Deputy Mayor Geoff Stewart, County of Colchester
Towns Caucus Chair: Mayor Brenda Chishom-Beaton, Town of Port Hawkesbury
Regional Rep: Councillor Russell Walker, HRM
Regional Rep: Councillor George MacDonald, CBRM
Rural Rep: Warden Jim Smith, District of East Hants
Rural Rep: Councillor Patti Durkee, District of Yarmouth
Towns Rep: Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Town of Wolfville
Towns Rep: Mayor-elect Lennie White, Town of Westville
AMA Rep: Alain Muise, CAO District of Argyle

• Efficiency Study

NSFM has been hard at work on your *Extended Producer Responsibility* (EPR) resolution since last fall. In June we submitted our proposal, which is available [here](#), to Nova Scotia Environment. At that time, the Honourable Gordon Wilson, Minister of Environment, said that

he would hold off on commenting on the EPR proposal until an eagerly awaited efficiency study on Nova Scotia's solid waste system was complete.

That study was delivered to the Minister on September 16th, 2019, and is now available online [at this link](#). The study recommends EPR in strong terms, and Minister Wilson has noted that a thorough understanding of this report would be important for changes (including EPR).

Today, a link to the report was distributed to municipal administrators across Nova Scotia.

As a municipally elected representative, you are encouraged to **discuss the report** with your CAO or Clerk-Treasurer, to reach out to the Solid Waste representatives in your area, or to contact NSFM.

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

• Procurement Services

NSFM is excited to announce a new formal partnership with RMA Business Services.

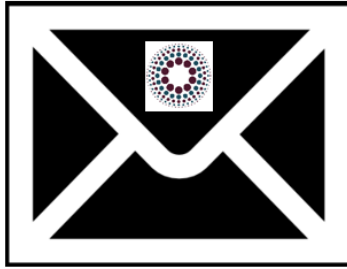
RMA Business Services is a division of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), one of NSFM's sister associations in Western Canada.

It provides cooperative procurement, fuel, and group benefits programs for municipalities across the country.

Through this partnership, NSFM can offer members preferential pricing and service on everything from office supplies to heavy equipment, all completely CFTA and APA compliant!

To learn more about the programs available, please contact Tyler Hannemann, Manager of Business Development, at thannemann@nsfm.ca, or check out the RMA's various trade programs at RMAtrade.com.

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All the news, notes, messages and reminders from your NSFM Office are in one weekly package.

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