

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

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RE: *DECEMBER 16 MONDAY MEMO*

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All the NSFM News You Need for the Week



- Join the Divert NS Board
- Make GoodLife A 2020 Resolution
- New Lead at Government Program

- **Board Member Needed**

NSFM is looking for a volunteer to be a designated representative on the board of directors at Divert Nova Scotia.



Divert NS is a not-for-profit corporation championing recycling in Nova Scotia. For over 20 years they've helped build a culture of recycling through environmental stewardship, education, and programming that has made Nova Scotia a recognized global innovator in waste diversion solutions.

Divert NS operates two primary recycling programs: the Beverage Container Deposit-Refund Program and the Used Tire Management Program. They also manage a network of Enviro-Depots in over 75 locations throughout the province. In addition, Divert NS works in partnership with government — both provincially and municipally — industry, and academia to divert waste-resources from landfill.

The term for NSFM's current board member expires in February. Please let the office know if taking on this challenge interests you.

● GoodLife Deal

The **Municipal Wellness Program** has just secured a partnership with GoodLife to offer municipal employees and elected officials a GoodLife corporate discount savings of 50% off a regular membership.

The membership details include:

- Annual Paid In Full Membership: \$449+tax
- No Commitment Membership: \$19.19+tax paid biweekly
- Existing GoodLife members have the option to transfer over to the corporate program without penalty.



Registering for the corporate membership is ONLY done online. Please follow the steps below:

1. You must first obtain a unique code in order to register for the corporate discount. **Simply email Municipal Wellness Coordinator Rebecca Kolstee (rkolstee@amans.ca) and she will provide you with the code.** Both new and existing members MUST obtain a unique code.
2. Once you have received the code you MUST register online at <https://corporate.goodlifefitness.com>. Have your payment information OR your existing GoodLife Membership number/key tag barcode (if applicable) readily available. Registering for the discount CANNOT be done at the clubs.
3. If you are new to GoodLife and only after you have registered online, simply visit your Club of choice and mention you are there to pick up your new key tag. You will be required to show photo ID when you pick up your key tag. If you are an existing GoodLife Fitness Member and already have a GoodLife key tag, you can continue to use the Club as normal.

If you are already a member but are transferring into this Corporate Membership Program, GoodLife will waive the \$99 membership buyout fee. You will need to register for the new Corporate Membership offer online and complete the appropriate section with your existing membership details (your existing

membership number or key tag barcode number so that they can automatically update your membership with your new corporate rate).

Your payment information will be updated to the new corporate rate automatically and will be withdrawn on your current payment schedule through the bank account information you provided previously. This can take ten business days to process.

• **Local Government Program Lead**

Dani Coffey has just been appointed Program Manager for the **Local Government Program** at **Dalhousie University**.

Coffey comes to Dalhousie from Ontario where she worked as a policy analyst with the Social Services Department for the Regional Municipality of Durham in Whitby.



During her tenure with Durham, she successfully completed a variety of work assignments that focused on research and policy development, strategic planning and management, workplace innovation and employee engagement as well as marketing and customer service.

She has an undergraduate arts degree in English from the University of Toronto and is currently completing a Master of Public Administration (MPA) with a concentration in local government from Western University.

Coffey will be taking the lead role in managing the ten online certificate programs that Dalhousie University offers for both elected and appointed municipal officials across Canada. She can be reached at: lccgovt@dal.ca

• **Accessibility Planning Toolkit**

Earlier this month, the Nova Scotia Government announced that municipalities will be prescribed as public sector bodies under the Accessibility Act as of April 1st, 2020.

This means that municipalities must form an accessibility advisory committee and have an accessibility plan in place by April 1st, 2021. Municipalities can form a joint accessibility advisory committee and develop a joint accessibility plan with prescribed public sector bodies that share similar interests, such as other municipalities in your region.

The Accessibility Directorate has developed resources to assist prescribed public sector bodies to meet the obligations under the Act.

The **Accessibility Planning Toolkit for Municipalities** is now available at www.novascotia.ca/accessibility.

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