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NSFM 2022:  
REGIONAL MEETINGS

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# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS



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# AGENDA

1. NSFAM Organizational Changes and Next Steps
2. Service Exchange Renegotiation and MGA Review Committee Update
3. Municipal Code of Conduct Update
4. Provincial Budget Update
5. Discussion on Protective Services (Policing and Fire Services)
6. Roundtable Discussion

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES & NEXT STEPS

- Announced on Feb 2, 2022 and consultation has been happening since
- Approval ratings are high – these changes are meant to increase NSFM's capacity to represent members and advocate effectively
- Special Meeting of the Members to take place, will be announced a minimum of 28 days in advance.
- You can learn more about these changes by visiting - <https://nsfm.ca/nsfm-organizational-change.html>



# SERVICE EXCHANGE AND MGA REVIEW COMMITTEE.

- NSFM struck a committee in response to Premier's mandate to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Negotiation and Review are both in early stages
- DMAH has agreed to do the work of developing proposed changes and the SERMGAR Committee will advise on the viability of these proposals
- Survey to members being prepared



# MUNICIPAL CODE OF CONDUCT

- Committee has just finished review a draft prepared by DMAH
- Getting terminology right and establishing red lines clearly
- Getting into discussion on sanctions and how they will be applied
- Municipal Code of Conduct will help establish clear and enforceable standards “with teeth” when necessary.



# PROVINCIAL BUDGET UPDATE

- Claimed as the largest single-year capital funding in the province's history
- No clear signs of how much the Municipal Financial Capacity Grant will be augmented this year
- New Non-Resident Homeowners Taxes
- DMAH continuing programs from last year



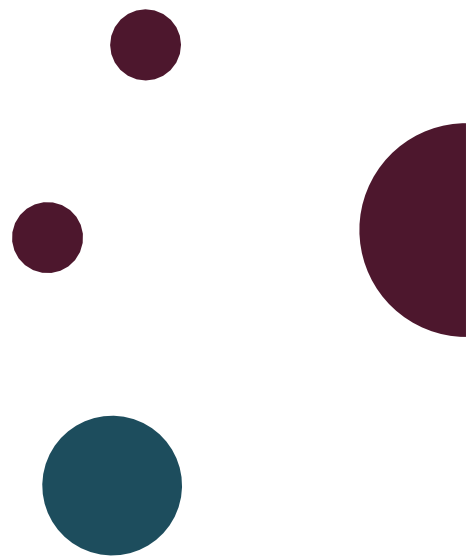
# COST OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- Increased costs expected due to RCMP negotiations
  - looking for a response from Federal Government
  - some support being offered by NS Department of Justice
- NSFM to convene conversation on policing models in Nova Scotia
- Future costs for presumptive coverage for firefighters – to become a municipal responsibility in 2025





# ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

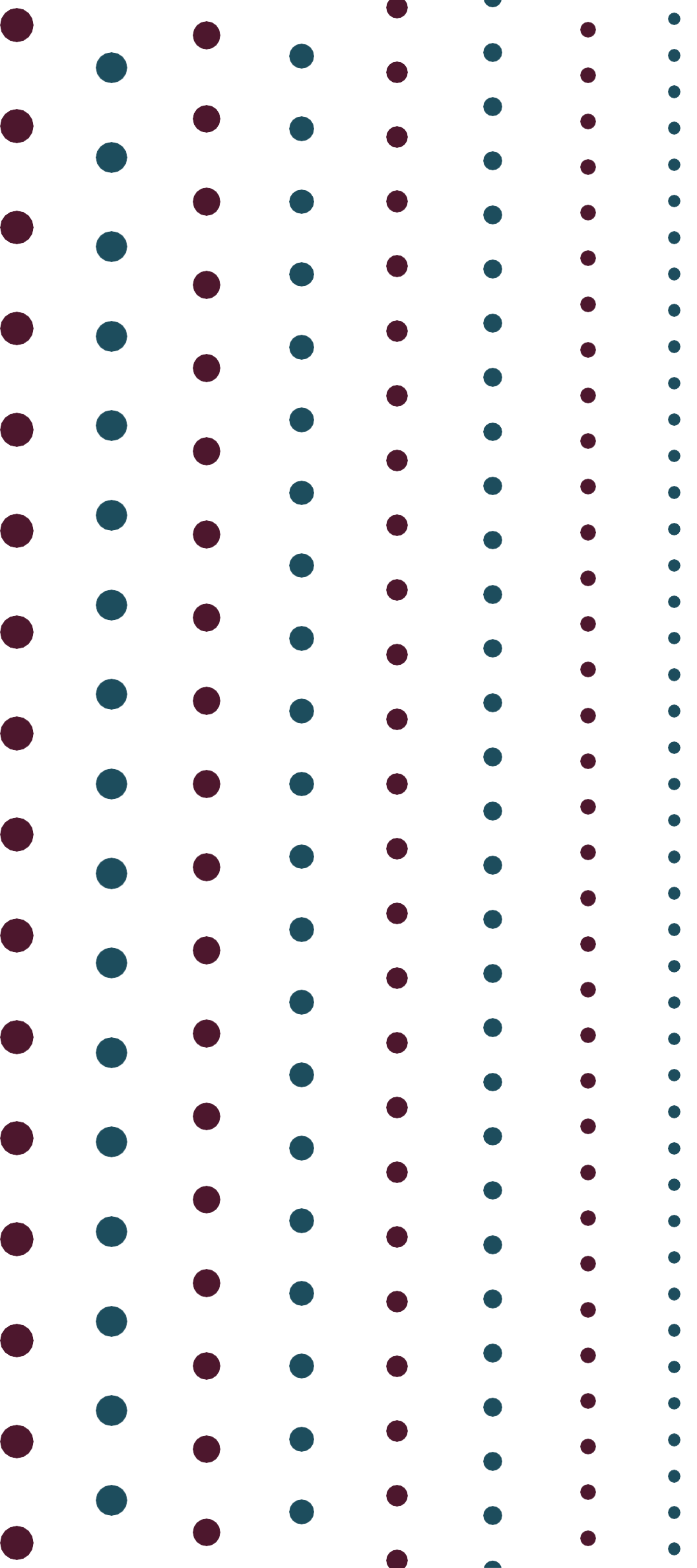


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# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION