

Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities is pleased to advise that the [Strong Cities Network](#), in collaboration with the [Canadian Centre for Safer Communities](#) and the [Foundation for a Path Forward](#), and with funding support from Public Safety Canada, is launching a **Prevention Academy** for small and mid-sized Canadian municipalities. Municipalities from **NSFM have been invited to participate in this learning opportunity and we are seeking five elected municipal leaders to enroll**. Information on the initiative is below and attached.

What is Prevention Academy Canada

Informed by the [Prevention Academy](#) Strong Cities is currently delivering to eight cities in the United States, This initiative will form an important part of their expanding engagement across Canada in 2025. This will include holding a [Sixth Global Summit](#) in Toronto in December. The Academy will allow mayors, councilors, municipal staff, and community partners from municipalities across Canada each year over the next two years to:

- Better understand and identify the on- and off-line threats, needs, and vulnerabilities in their communities as they relate to hate, extremism, social polarization, and related threats to community well-being;
- Appreciate the benefits of a public health approach to prevention and the essential role they play in operationalizing and sustaining it, including by leveraging municipal-led efforts in related fields, such as community safety and well-being and violence prevention; and
- Understand how to apply such an approach at the municipal level, including through the development of approaches to prevent hate, extremism, and social polarization that are driven by the needs and priorities of local communities.

Content Description

The Academy consists of a series of 10 training modules (at least 8 virtual and up to 2 in-person), virtual “office hours” to connect with other participating municipalities and subject-matter experts, and technical assistance to advance hate, extremism, and social polarization prevention efforts in your municipality or region.

Additional information

- NSFM is seeking five elected leaders to participate
- Timeframe: September 2025 to June 2026
- Time commitment: 1.5 hours (at a regular, set time) at least twice a month, with some months requiring weekly attendance (will be shared well in advance), plus attendance at in-person session in Toronto in December 2025 and possibly a second in-person session in the spring of 2026.
- To apply: submit an expression of interest, outlining your interest, personal background/resume, and why you should be considered to: imorrison@nsfm.ca
- Appointments will be made by the NSFM Board of Directors
- Deadline to apply: August 15
- Refer to attached documents
- **Cost: FREE (including travel costs to in-person event(s))**