

Invitation to Apply for NSFM's *Climate Change Leaders Award*
Application deadline is August 24, 2023



Announcement

NSFM invites municipalities to apply for its 10th annual ***Climate Change Leaders Award***. In recognition of the importance of responding to climate change and a need to share innovative ideas throughout the province, NSFM developed the Climate Change Leaders Award in 2013. Since then NSFM has given 18 Climate Change Leaders Awards to honour 13 municipalities that have demonstrated exemplary leadership in climate change adaptation and/or mitigation through the implementation of initiatives and creation of awareness of climate-related issues.

If you would like to apply for NSFM's Climate Change Leaders Award, please complete the [on-line application form](#) **by August 24**. The successful applicant(s) will be announced at NSFM's fall conference in Halifax on November 8.

Past recipients of NSFM's Climate Change Leaders Award:

- 2022: **Halifax Regional Municipality** for its *Municipal Electric Vehicle Strategy*
Town of New Glasgow for its *Net Zero New Glasgow Climate Action Program*
- 2021: **District of Argyle** for its *Net Zero Energy Administration Building*,
Halifax Regional Municipality for *HalifACT* – its long-term climate action plan
County of Kings for its *Green Municipal Campus*
- 2019: **County of Colchester** for *Solar Colchester* – a community initiative designed to make renewable energy more accessible and affordable for residents
- 2018: **Town of Bridgewater** for *Energize Bridgewater* – a community-wide initiative to accelerate the community's transition to a clean energy economy
- 2017: **Towns of Antigonish, Berwick, and Mahone Bay** for their collaboration on the Alternative Resource Energy Authority's Wind Farm in Ellershouse
- 2016: **District of Digby, District of Lunenburg, District of Shelburne, and Town of Bridgewater** for their *Clean Energy Financing Programs*
- 2015: **County of Antigonish** for its collaboration on the climate change film: *Listening to Our Neighbours, Exploring a Changing Climate in Antigonish*
- 2014: **District of Digby** for its mink waste biogas project
District of Shelburne for improvements to its wastewater treatment infrastructure
- 2013: **Halifax Regional Municipality** for its *Solar City Project*

If you have questions about NSFM's *Climate Change Leaders Award*, please contact Kyle McKenzie at 902-943-3188 or kmckenzie@nsfm.ca.

NSFM's Climate Change Leaders Award Program 2023 Application Guidelines



1. Objectives and eligibility

- The objectives of the award program are to celebrate successes, encourage continuous action towards climate change adaptation and mitigation, and support collaborative efforts and the sharing of information among municipalities.
- Any municipality in Nova Scotia working independently or regionally to lessen the impacts of climate change through mitigation or adaptation is eligible to apply.
- Only climate change initiatives started after March 31, 2021 are eligible for consideration, unless the project is ongoing.

2. Application

- Please complete the [on-line application form](#) by August 24, 2023.

3. Application and award details

3.1. Application Information

Applicants must indicate:

- direct deliverables from the implementation of the project;
- any economic, social, and/or environmental benefits resulting from the project;
- the project's timeframe, indicating how it was planned and implemented; and
- subsequent climate change adaptation and/or mitigation that resulted from the project's implementation.

3.2. Review Process

All applications will be reviewed by an awards and grants review committee.

3.3. Announcement of Successful Applicant(s)

The award winner(s) will be announced at NSFM's fall conference on November 8, 2023 in Halifax.

4. Questions

- You can direct any questions about this award program to Kyle McKenzie at 902-943-3188 or kmckenzie@nsfm.ca.