



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

MOVING NSFM FORWARD

Orientation on NSFM'S By-Law Changes

May 4, 2023, Annual Spring Conference

Better government. Stronger communities.



PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Orientation around recent changes to NSFM By-laws
- Starting with relatively simple changes
 - Guiding Principles, Online Meetings, Five-Year Review
- Moving to more complex changes
 - New Board Elections, and Advisory Committees
- Time for Discussion and Questions



RELATIVELY SIMPLE CHANGES

- Standardized the use of the term “member”
- Addressed other housekeeping needs
- Board will establish Guiding Principles
- Able to conduct business in virtual meetings
- By-law review at least once every five years



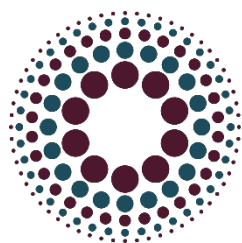
MORE COMPLICATED CHANGES

- E-Voting for the new Board positions
- Submitting requests to Advisory Committees



E-VOTING FOR THE NEW BOARD

- New Board will have 17 positions (up from 13)
- Elected municipal officials will vote individually using E-Voting
- Call for nominations sent out in the last week of August
- Nominees and elections announced in beginning of October
- Election to take place around a week before Annual Fall Conference
- Results announced during the Annual General Meeting



ELECTORAL REGIONS AND REGIONAL REPS

- The list of member units in each Electoral Region will be provided during nomination period and upon request
- Regional Reps shall be nominated by elected municipal officials in their Electoral Region
- Two Regional Reps for an Electoral Region will typically be from different member units
- Regional Reps will have a two-year term after staggered terms are established



ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The mandate of the Advisory Committees on Areas of Municipal Interest is to:

Advise and guide responses to requests and issues delegated by the Board of Directors to generate advocacy priorities for NSF



ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- Public Safety
 - Climate Change
 - Municipal Finance
 - Infrastructure
 - Municipal Autonomy
 - Equity and Community Wellbeing
- Five elected municipal officials and one CAO on each
 - Appointees will serve a three-year term with option for a second term



PROCESS OF ENGAGING WITH ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- Member units submit an issue or request by motion of council
- Board will delegate to the appropriate committee or create an ad hoc committee
- Board will also delegate evolving issues or opportunities arising from the Province
- Advisory Committees will review and respond to each request
- All requests and responses will be stored in the Library of Municipal Interest



UPCOMING CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

- A call for expressions of interest in being appointed to specific Advisory Committees will be circulated soon
- These will be working committees and applicants should prepare to take on work and ensure they are prepared to discuss all items on the agenda





QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

