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# Monday Memo



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## Summer 2026 Municipal Observer Now Available

The Summer 2026 edition of the Municipal Observer has arrived. Featuring stories from across Nova Scotia's municipal sector, this issue highlights innovative initiatives, emerging trends, and the local leadership helping communities adapt, grow, and thrive. Be sure to explore the latest insights, success stories, and perspectives from municipalities across the province. [Explore the Latest Issue.](#)

# NSFM 2026 FALL CONFERENCE

## Call for Municipal Success Stories

Did your municipality try something new this year that made a real impact in your community?

Following the strong response and energy from the Municipal Success Stories session at our Spring Conference, NSFM is bringing it back as part of this year's Fall Conference and we are looking for fresh examples to share.

Taking place on Thursday, November 5 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., this session will highlight a selection of municipal success stories from across the province. It is an opportunity to showcase ideas that are creative, practical, and inspiring within the broader conference program. We are especially interested in initiatives that are easy to adapt and replicate so others can bring those ideas back to their own communities.

Whether it is a new program, a unique partnership, or a creative approach to tackling a common challenge, we want to hear about what your municipality is proud of and what others can learn from.

If you have a story to share, please send a short summary to Judy Webber, Director of Events & Member Engagement, at [jwebber@nsfm.ca](mailto:jwebber@nsfm.ca) by July 20. The 2026 Fall Conference Planning Committee will review the submissions.

Let's build on the momentum from the spring and continue sharing what is working across Nova Scotia's municipalities.

## LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

### Calculating Insurance Premiums

Join us for an upcoming NSFM Lunch and Learn: Calculating Insurance Premiums (A.K.A. What You Need to Know) on Thursday, June 18 from 12:00–1:00 p.m. This

what practical steps may help shape your municipality's insurance profile over time.

**Guest Speaker:** Peter Fraser, BBA, CAIB, CIP, Senior Account Executive, Gallagher  
**To Register:** [Click Here](#)

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

### NSFM Listserv: Coming Soon...Sign Up Now!

This summer, NSFM will launch a new listserv designed to connect and support Nova Scotia's broader municipal sector. Participation is **free** and **open** to **municipal leaders and staff** across the province.

The listserv will:

- Support the exchange of information related to municipal practices and procedures
- Encourage collaboration and cooperation among municipal units
- Foster a community of shared interests across the municipal sector
- Provide a forum to share ideas, requests for information, best practices, and knowledge
- Serve as a key communication channel for the municipal sector
- Share relevant NSFM news, programs, services, and professional development opportunities

Sign up for the listserv [here](#). Read the listserv [guidelines](#).

## NEWS

[5 BC municipalities want flood mitigation on major hwys a nation-building project](#)

[Addressing homelessness should be considered nation-building project](#)

[Dry, hot weather in Nova Scotia sparks concern over another dry summer season](#)

[Valley's Jacob Shaffelburg named to Canada's World Cup squad](#)

[Nova Scotia library shutting down branches in Kentville, Hantsport this summer](#)

[Painting missing from Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre](#)

[Province rolls out funding, new online tool to help communities manage drought](#)

[Transit Cape Breton launching mobile payment app this month](#)[Yarmouth County names representatives for Nova Scotia Volunteer Awards](#)

## FUNDING

### Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The Funding Portal is a joint initiative of the Department of Municipal Affairs and the [Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities](#). Our mission is simple: make finding and applying for grants easy and efficient — so you can focus on building stronger communities. [nsfunding.ca](http://nsfunding.ca).

## PROGRAMS

### Traffic Supply

The [NSFM/Canoe Traffic Supply Program](#) enables municipal units to partner with major sign suppliers to ensure the signage needed at a competitive trade compliant price. [ATS Traffic](#), an approved supplier, provides professional traffic equipment installation services for construction sites, roadways, commercial properties, and public spaces across Canada. Certified crews ensure all installations meet industry and municipal standards while enhancing safety, visibility, and long-term performance. From signage and barriers to lighting and pedestrian solutions, expect turnkey support tailored to project needs. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Tire Incentive

Concerned about high tire costs? From fleet to heavy equipment, and even including specialty uses, the [NSFM/Canoe Tire Program](#) meets your tire needs. Get quality, brand name tires for vehicles of any size, retread or brand new, fully trade compliant, and at the best pricing available in Canada. Be sure to check out the spring 2026 [Yokohama Commercial Fleet Incentive](#). The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

## Equipment Rental

The [NSFM/Canoe Equipment Rental Program](#) gives you access to cost-effective ways to access a huge variety of tools. With a network of top suppliers and an extensive catalogue including everything from aerial lifts and power generators to pickup trucks and earthmoving vehicles, there is truly something for every need. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Sick Days: An Employer's Guide to Compliance

Several provinces and federally regulated workplaces have recently updated when employers can request sick notes. From BC to NS, the rules now limit medical certificate requests for short absences, reducing unnecessary doctor visits, and protecting employee privacy. [In this article learn about sick leave entitlements and documentation rules](#) for every province and territory in Canada, common compliance pitfalls, and practical steps to keep your policies up to date.

[HR Covered](#) is a program partner of NSFM. Reach out to the advisory team if you need more information on this item, as well as many other great HR resources offered at **no-charge** to municipal units in NS. More info: [partnerships@hrcovered.com](mailto:partnerships@hrcovered.com)

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### Home Insurance Tips: Backyard Pools

Did you know that you can receive exclusive insurance discounts on your **personal home and auto insurance** through BrokerLink's [group insurance program](#)? BrokerLink is proud to provide quality insurance products, expertise, and solutions to our sector. Thinking about a backyard pool this summer? Read the [Pool Owners Guide](#) to insurance.

The [NSFM/Park'N Fly Discount Program](#) is available for elected municipal leaders

and municipal staff within the broader municipal sector. Reserve your next stay and save. Plus, earn valuable Aeroplan points on every eligible stay. Did you know that **Park'N Fly offers a discount of up to 20% on airport parking and if you use the discount code, parking is 40% cheaper than parking in the airport lot.**

## Krown Discount

[Krown](#) and NSFM offer a discount program on services offered by Krown, for the benefit of elected leaders and staff working within the broader municipal sector in Nova Scotia:

- 15% off discount on all Krown Vehicle Products
- Offer valid for all elected leaders, staff, and their friends and family
- Presentation of the Dealer Promo Code required

Click [Krown Discount Program](#) for more program information, including the Dealer Promo Code to access your benefit.

## WEBINARS

**NSFM** and **Canoe Procurement Group** recently hosted a webinar outlining Canoe's operations and its role in public procurement, how suppliers can find opportunities with Canoe, details about Canoe's RFP process, compliance requirements, the benefits for both members and suppliers, and the support provided to approved suppliers post-contract award. Missed the webinar? The [recording](#) and [presentation slides](#) are now available to view.

### Recap: Land for Housing Program

The province launched the Land for Housing Program to increase housing supply by making provincially owned land available for residential development. Since many municipalities also hold land that could support housing, the province is now exploring a Municipal Partnership Stream to help support municipalities in bringing forward municipally owned sites. Did you miss the recent webinar presented by NSFM and the Province of NS on the **Land for Housing Program – Municipal Partnership Stream**? You can view the webinar [here](#).

## RESOURCES

### [Summer Municipal Observer](#)

The magazine for the **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities**

### [Spring/Summer Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The magazine for the **Atlantic Region of Municipalities**



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