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Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
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## SAVE THE DATE!

### NSFM Fall Conference Nov. 7–10 at the Westin Hotel in Halifax



You won't want to miss our Keynote Speaker – David Miller

***Local Governments are leading the world in innovation - but don't tell the provinces or they might wake up!***

David Miller is the former Mayor of Toronto (2003-2010) and is currently the Managing Director of the C40 Centre for City Climate Policy and Economy. In his time as the Toronto Mayor he was widely admired for the innovative policies and actions implemented by Mayor and council - on the environment and climate change; transit; social inclusion; positive and successful relationships with suburbs and regional towns large and small, and more. Mayor Miller regularly delivers keynotes at international events and will join us this year to speak to lessons he learned from his 16 years in local politics as a City Councillor and Mayor. From building public support for innovative policies, like addressing climate change, to dealing with our "friends" at the Province - his presentation promises to be informative and entertaining.

**More details, including registration information, coming out early in September!**

## NEWS

### Federal Budget 2024

Local governments have found themselves on the frontlines of some of the most pressing challenges facing Canada today. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is seeking the support of all orders of government to ensure our members can deliver the quality-of-life Canadians expect and deserve. Read the pre-budget letter and five recommendations focused on securing a new framework that better links municipal resources with national economic and population growth, as submitted by FCM.

[Shaping Federal Budget 2024 | Federation of Canadian Municipalities \(fcm.ca\)](#)

### NSFM Carbon Surcharge Fund

NSFM is accepting applications for the Carbon Surcharge Fund from now until August 24. Application instructions and a sample evaluation form are online. The application form may be found at <https://nsfm.ca/awards.html>.

In 2012, the Board of NSFM passed a motion to add a \$5 carbon surcharge fee to its conference registration to mitigate the greenhouse gas emissions generated from hosting these events, as well as on expense claims for staff and committee members to offset travel. This fund is collected in a special account and disbursed annually at the Fall Conference to support local, small-scale initiatives that help our municipalities reduce their energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The fund is intended to help initiate new or extend ongoing projects.

### NSFM Climate Change Leaders Award

NSFM is accepting applications for the Climate Change Leaders Award from now until August 24. Application instructions and a sample evaluation form are online. The application form may be found at <https://nsfm.ca/awards.html>.

exemplary leadership in climate change adaptation and/or mitigation through the implementation of initiatives and creation of awareness. The objectives of the award program are to celebrate successes, encourage continuous action towards climate change adaptation and mitigation, support the implementation of strategies from Municipal Climate Change Action Plans, and support collaborative efforts and the sharing of information among municipalities. This award is intended to recognize ongoing or recently completed projects.

## IN THE NEWS

[Extended Producer Responsibility for Printed Paper & Packaging](#)

[Personal information 'likely stolen' in Kings County cyberattack](#)

[Ontario mayor can't afford to buy a house in the township she leads](#)

[Review board orders Halifax to allow new building in Beaver Bank despite concerns of overcrowding](#)

## FUNDING

### Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Program (SIP)

Call for Applications is now open and currently accepting applications. The deadline to submit an application is August 31, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. (PT).

We are pleased to offer two additional Drop-in Information Sessions to answer questions about the 2023 Security Infrastructure Program (SIP) Call for Applications. The event information is as follows:

#### English Session

Date: August 23, 2023

Time: 10:00 am-11:30 am ADT

[Drop-in Session Link- English](#)

#### French Session

Date: August 23, 2023

Time: 1:30 pm-3:00 pm ADT

[Drop-in Session Link- French](#)

To make SIP more responsive to the needs of the communities and to provide funding as quickly and efficiently as possible, several changes have been implemented to help reduce the administrative burden and increase accessibility to program funding. This includes:

- Support for Gender-Based Violence (GBV) shelters
- New user-friendly online resources and simplified application requirements
- Extending the length of time to complete a project, if required
- Prioritized funding, accessible year-round, for organizations that become victim of a severe hate-motivated crime.
- To apply <https://publicsafety.gc.ca/sip>
- For questions send an e-mail to: [csp.atlantic-psc.atlantique@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:csp.atlantic-psc.atlantique@ps-sp.gc.ca)

### FCM Funding Opportunities

Stay up-to-date with funding opportunities through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Visit <https://fcm.ca/en/funding> to find more information and links.

### NRCan Climate Adaptation Program

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has opened a Call for Proposals under NRCan's Climate Change Adaptation Program, which supports Canada's National Adaptation Strategy. Up to \$15 million in funding is available to develop tools and resources to support communities, decision-makers, and natural resource-sector businesses take adaptation-informed decisions and actions. **Deadline:** September 22, 2023.

[Click here for more info](#)

### Tourism Digital Assistance Program—Communities

This program helps to effectively promote local communities as a travel destination, attract visitors, and encourage spending. The program will cover up to \$15,000 in services and online tools for municipalities, business chambers, and community tourism organizations to address their digital needs. TDAP—Communities is a partnership between Tourism Nova Scotia and Digital Nova Scotia.

- Program details: <https://tourismns.ca/tourism-digital-assistance-program-communities>
- **Application deadline:** September 14 @ 4:00 p.m.
- For more information, contact: [jennifer.mckeane@novascotia.ca](mailto:jennifer.mckeane@novascotia.ca) or (902) 717-3623

### Zero-Emission Trucking Program Funding

Transport Canada's Zero-Emission Trucking Program (ZETP) has just launched a call for proposals for projects that accelerate readiness for zero-emission freight-haul and vocational vehicles.

enable and accelerate the safe deployment of zero-emission trucking in Canada, as well as associated charging and refuelling infrastructure.

For more info, please contact [ZETProgram-ProgrammeCZE@tc.gc.ca](mailto:ZETProgram-ProgrammeCZE@tc.gc.ca)

[Click here for more info](#)

## PROGRAMS

### NFSM/Canoe Webinar: Does Your Sewage Lagoon Require Dredging?

Hydra survey was founded in 2017 to help engineers, operators, and wastewater managers deal with the growing issue of sludge build-up in lagoons and ponds. Join them in a webinar on Wednesday August 23 to learn whether your lagoon needs dredging. In this 30 minute session you will learn:

- Key factors in determining whether dredging is necessary
- Different options for dredging your lagoon
- How to plan and budget for lagoon dredging
- August 23 @ 3 p.m. (AST)
- [Register here!](#)

### NFSM/Canoe Fuel & Lubricant Program

Learn more about the [Canoe Fuel & Lubricant program](#) and how you can start saving money on your fuel and lubricant purchases. This program provides fuel and lubricants from coast-to-coast-to-coast and has the provision of third party fuel and oil testing.

### Rules of Order & Meeting Processes Workshops

AMANS, in conjunction with NSFAM, presents the following in-person workshop opportunity. Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis with a limit of 30 registrants per session.

This session will delve into the reasons behind the existence of rules of order and meeting processes; guiding participants on how to get your meeting started well, establishing agendas, determining quorums, the role of ex-officio members, crafting clear motions and amendments, whether to approve or not approve reports, conflict of interest protocols, changing terms of appointments, approving minutes, basic decorum, and how to better prepare yourself for the unexpected. Topics such as voting procedures, quorums, conflict of interest protocols, and basic decorum will be extensively discussed.

Throughout the session, we will explore numerous real-life examples from Nova Scotia municipalities and engage in simulation exercises to reinforce learning. The facilitator is Chris McNeill, former Registered Parliamentarian, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of the County of Annapolis.

For complete registration details, including cost of attendance, session times and locations for administrators and elected officials, click [registration info](#).

## WEBINARS

### Webinar: Utility Scale Solar Development

With the electrification of our energy systems including the use of EVs and heat pumps, increasing total electrical generation is a must. Utility scale solar, typically coupled with storage, is another tool that utilities will use to diversify their generation mix. This webinar will discuss some of the considerations when developing a utility scale development from 1-10 MW. This includes site selection, land agreements, utility interconnection, managing distribution/transmission/load constraints with storage, and discussing the process to make decisions around these considerations.

- Date: September 21 from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. (AST)
- Facilitator: Jeff MacKinnon, P.Eng, PE, JMK Engineering Inc.
- [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

## RESOURCES

### 'Sponge Cities': Strategy for Resisting Floods

In response to flash flooding in Ottawa, Joanna Eyquem, climate adaptation expert, discusses how the concept of a 'sponge city' could be applied to help cities safely absorb water and become more resistant to floods.

[Click here to listen](#)

### Equity & Anti-Racism Strategy, Health Equity Framework

The province has announced the completion and release of the first Equity and Anti-Racism Strategy. The Health Equity Framework was also released as part of the strategy. The Health Equity Framework will now act as a strategic tool that will further guide government and system partners in better addressing racism, discrimination, and inequities within the health system. The framework is one of many key tools being used to advance health equity as contained in the Action for Health strategy.

- Announcement: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20230706002>

- Health Equity Framework: <https://novascotia.ca/just/publications/docs/health-equity-framework.pdf>

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### [Summer Municipal Observer](#)

The magazine for the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

### [Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The magazine for Atlantic Canadian municipalities



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