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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

ANNOUNCEMENT

🌟 **Exciting News: NSFM Unveils Revamped Website!** 🌐

We are pleased to announce a significant milestone in our digital journey – the all-new NSFM website is now live, reimagined and redesigned with you in mind!

🚀 **What's New?**

- **Intuitive Navigation:** Find information effortlessly with our streamlined and user-friendly layout.
- **Fresh Look:** Enjoy a modern aesthetic that reflects our commitment to progress and innovation.

💡 **Why the Change?** As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible experience for our members, we've invested time and effort into creating a digital space that aligns with your expectations and needs.

🌐 **Dive In!** Experience the transformation firsthand. Visit nsfm.ca and explore the enhanced features designed just for you.

NEWS

[CBRM starts belt tightening in the face of a possible second deficit](#)

[Cumberland joins growing list of N.S. municipalities turning to 4-day work week](#)

[Halifax mulls over possible 9.7 per cent tax hike](#)

[Funding Helps Communities Become Resilient to Climate Change](#)

[More than 2,000 new homes could be constructed in Bedford West. Here's what was announced](#)

[N.S. announces \\$2.4 million for community-led climate change projects](#)

[Richmond Municipal Warden Amanda Mombourquette Recommends Changes to the Annual Fall Conference of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities](#)

[The perks of a four-day work week for one N.S. municipality](#)

[Town of Antigonish Receives a Climate Action Change Leader Award from Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities For its Solar Garden](#)

[We rarely hear about the disasters that were avoided – but there's a lot we can learn from them](#)

IN THE NEWS

Housing Affordability

The Community Social Planning Council (CSPC) of Greater Victoria has launched a new toolkit, [Local Government Levers for Housing Affordability](#). The toolkit is supported by the **Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC)** and it outlines levers municipalities can use to influence housing supply and affordability. It is intended to help local governments of all sizes understand and utilize the tools available to improve the housing system.

FUNDING

Access Financial Resources to Empower Your Municipality

NSFM recently launched an online **Funding Database**. This centralized resource is dedicated to our members to help you find municipal funding opportunities. You can access this valuable tool at nsfm.ca/grants. As part of this initiative, a monthly funding update will be communicated, outlining upcoming deadlines and information sessions. For upcoming deadlines and information sessions [click here](#)

Contact NSFM's Fund Navigator, Lucy MacLeod: lmacleod@nsfm.ca

Important Grant Info:

- [The Green Choice Program](#) opens Dec 15
- [Energy Innovation Program - Smart Grid](#) now open

- [Natural Asset Management Roadmap Program](#) now open
- [Changed for Change EV Infrastructure Program](#) deadline Feb 22
- [Low Carbon Economy Fund](#) now open
- [Digital Content Marketing Program](#) deadline Dec 15
- [Canada Summer Job Wage Subsidy Program](#) deadline Jan 10
- [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#) deadline Jan 31
- [Community Economic Development Fund](#) (formerly Invest NS Fund) opens in Dec
- [Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Program](#); For non-profit-owned community spaces, deadline March 31, 2024
- [Critical Minerals Infrastructure Fund](#); Call for proposals now open.

FCM Funding Opportunities

Stay up-to-date with funding opportunities through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). [Click here](#) to find more information.

PROGRAMS

Make Yourself Comfortable

Staff and Councillors that are comfortable at work are productive at work. With the **NSFM/Canoe Furniture Program**, municipalities get access to furniture designers and manufacturers, such as **Humanscale**, who are recognized as experts in their fields, ensuring some of the best commercial furniture available. Best value pricing and preferential service is a recipe for success. How it works:

- Post a notice on your recognized electronic bid notification system to use the NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program.
- Contact the supplier of your choice, requesting program pricing
- Confirm purchase with a contract number

Read about how [Humanscale](#) eliminates harmful chemical from products

NSFM/Canoe Drone Program

The **NSFM/Canoe Drone Program** offers you access to innovative technology that can help you from the air, under water, and from other difficult-to-reach places. Procure uncrewed vehicles that can provide precise data collection, infrastructure inspection, maintenance, mapping, and modelling services with ease.

[Learn about the NSFM/Canoe Drone Program](#)

Staples Professional: Video Conferencing Solutions

From municipal chamber meetings to boardrooms to breakout rooms and coffee shops, how well does your municipal team stay connected? Is your solution designed to accommodate remote or hybrid work right now, or could you easily transition if it was needed in the future? Through the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**, Staples Professional has videoconferencing solutions for almost any situation, featuring competitive pricing and leasing options. Design, integration, and installation is part of the packaged solutions. Visit [Video Conferencing Solutions](#).

NSFM/Canoe Fleet Management Program

Through leveraging the combined purchasing power of all member organizations, the **NSFM/Canoe Fleet Management Program** allows municipalities access to a nationwide network for:

- disposal of old inventory
- fleet assessment
- fuel tracking
- new vehicle additions
- vehicle budgeting guidance and roadside assistance

Offered in collaboration with leading companies in the industry, this program provides solutions for every aspect of your fleet, no matter the size. [Learn more](#)

WEBINARS

Uncrewed Vehicles with Volatus Aerospace and Deep Trekker

The NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program provides you with cost-effective, compliant purchasing options. Uncrewed vehicles can give municipalities access to information from the air, under water, and other difficult-to-reach places. Join us to learn how these technologies provide data collection, infrastructure inspection, maintenance, mapping, and modelling services with ease.

December 7, 2:00 pm-3:00 pm (AST)

Register: [click here](#)

A Sustainable Future for Your Fleet Vehicles: Recording

Navistar, a partner in the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**, offered a presentation on Navistar's current and future plans for fleet electrification and sustainable transportation. The recording of the webinar, courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#), is available at the following link:

[A Sustainable Future with Navistar - Canoe Procurement Group | LAS](#)

Flood Risk: Nature Based Solutions

-based solutions to reduce flood risk in Canada, through:

- Consistent approaches to watershed management
- Prioritizing funding for watershed flood management strategies
- Use of nature-based approaches as the norm, where feasible

[June 2023 | Using nature-based solutions to reduce flood risk \(partica.online\)](#)

The Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation is an education partner of the **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program**.

RESOURCES

[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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