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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

THANK-YOU LETTER TO NSFM MEMBERS

Hayley Crichton, Executive Director of Public Safety and Security Division of the Department of Justice sent a thank-you letter regarding the NSFM Meeting on Policing on November 7. To read the letter [Click Here](#)

SURVEY INVITE

Accessible Employment Standard Recommendations

On behalf of the **Accessibility Advisory Board** and the **Employment Standard Development Committee**, you are invited to review the **Employment SDCs** draft recommendations for an accessible employment standard and complete an online survey to share your thoughts on the draft recommendations. This is an important piece of work under the **Accessibility Act**, to support the goal of an accessible Nova Scotia by 2030. To view Recommendations: www.employmentsdcdraft.ca

[Click here](#) to start the survey. Written feedback: feedback@thinkwellresearch.ca

NEWS

[Annapolis Valley town offers relief on energy bills with money from donors](#)

[Cape Breton ranked 7th in list of Canada's top 10 most-desired places to live](#)

[Deagle Gammon elected next Halifax deputy mayor](#)

[Local groups say new funding will help promote living shorelines in N.S.](#)

[Moncton researchers developing artificial intelligence to fight wildfires](#)

[N.S. housing crunch must be treated as 'once-in-a-generation challenge': industry](#)

[Pictou County's push to build its own internet network faces delays as cost hits \\$95M](#)

[Region of Queens water customers to be compensated for 3-month boil order](#)

['We've got this wrong': Lunenburg mayor expects Queen Street name to be overturned](#)

FUNDING

Access Financial Resources to Empower Your Municipality

NSFM offers 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:

- [Community Economic Development Fund](#) (formerly Invest NS Fund) now open, deadline Jan 31
- [Fighting and Managing Wildfires in a Changing Climate Program](#) Training stream, Deadline Feb 1
- [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#) Now open for continuous intake
- [The Green Choice Program](#) opens Dec 15
- [Digital Content Marketing Program](#) deadline Dec 15
- [Canada Summer Job Wage Subsidy Program](#) deadline Jan 10
- [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#) deadline Jan 31
- [Changed for Change EV Infrastructure Program](#) deadline Feb 22
- [Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Program](#): For non-profit-owned community spaces, deadline March 31, 2024
- [Energy Innovation Program- Smart Grid](#) now open
- [Natural Asset Management Roadmap Program](#) now open
- [Low Carbon Economy Fund](#) now open
- [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

HR OnCall from People First HR

NSFM and AMANS have partnered with HR OnCall to offer municipal units, regardless of size or scope, expertise and practical solutions to meet their human resource needs. NSFM members will receive a special program rate of \$60/month (\$720 annually) for the service. Gain access to best practices and advice for your HR inquiries when you need it.

- [Click here for the NSFM Subscription](#)
- [Click here for HR OnCall Service Options](#)
- [Click here for HR OnCall FAQs](#)

New Help Understanding NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program

Do you need help finding cost-effective products and services and would you like to learn more about using [Canoe Procurement](#)?

Andy Saxby is here to help. Andy is the member outreach representative for Nova Scotia municipal units. He is your direct contact for the Canoe program.

In his role, Andy helps local governments and non-profits find time and cost-saving benefits on a wide variety of municipal needs. He also provides educational sessions and support to help members navigate the cooperative procurement process. Program benefits:

- Completed competitive bid process for suppliers saves the time of doing your own RFP or tender
- Fully compliant with trade agreements
- No minimum purchases, membership fees, or binding contracts
- Program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support
- **NSFM/Canoe = Local**

Contact Andy at andy@canoeprocurement.ca or (902) 417-2575.

Keep Your Municipality Rolling

From fleet to heavy equipment, and even including specialty uses, the **NSFM/Canoe Tire Program** has you covered for all your tire needs. Get quality, brandname tires for vehicles of any size, retread or brand new – all fully trade compliant and at the best pricing available in Canada. NSFM and Canoe are now partnering with **Kal Tire** to deliver excellent pricing and service. [Concerned about high costs in your transit fleet?](#)

NSFM/Canoe MRO Supply Program

Nuts and bolts. Hammers and wrenches. Safety goggles and construction wear. Cleaning supplies and sanitation solutions. Maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO) supplies are diverse and widely-used throughout nearly every corner of nearly every organization. With great suppliers offering enormous catalogues, the NSFM/Canoe MRO Program gets you access to what you need. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.** [MRO Supply Program - Canoe Procurement Group of Canada](#)

WEBINARS

Atlantic Community of Practice

The **Atlantic Community of Practice** is a dedicated space for individuals with a diverse range of housing experiences to come together, collaborate, share knowledge, contribute to housing solutions, and build connections with stakeholders within and beyond the conventional housing ecosystem.

Our webinar launch event is **December 18 @ 2 pm**. For more information and to register [click here](#). To join the Expert Community on Housing [click here](#).

Canoe 101: Recording

The **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program** provides you with cost-effective, compliant purchasing options. If you missed the recent Canoe 101 webinar, you can still access the recording. The webinar gives an overview of how the [Canoe Procurement Group](#) can save you time and money in purchasing and is offered courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#). The program works with **local** retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**. To view the webinar: [here](#).

Fuel Management: Recording

The **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program** provides you with cost-effective, compliant purchasing options. If you missed the recent Gilbarco webinar, you can still access the recording. The webinar shares case studies on recent fuel management projects, provides details on new technology options coming to the market, and is offered courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#). The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**. To view the webinar: [Gilbarco/Canoe Procurement Group | LAS](#)

Municipalities Keep Electric Fleets Charged: Recording

Siemens, a partner in the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program** presented on how to ensure electric vehicles in your municipal fleet are able to stay charged. Representatives from the City of Toronto shared their experience in adapting their fleets and facilities to support EVs. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**. The recording of the webinar, courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#), is available at the following link: [Keep Electric Fleets Charged - Canoe Procurement Group | LAS](#)

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 program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**. 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](#)

Climate Resiliency: "Coming of Age" for Adaptation?

In this year's Canadian Science Policy Centre Science Policy Magazine, **Joanna Eyquem, Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation**, explains how climate adaptation is coming of age in Canada. We have big plans, we have aspirations, and now it is time to "grow up" and put in the hard work to achieve them. [More info](#)

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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