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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
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Looking for Municipal Success Stories for Spring Conference

NSFM is planning to showcase three municipal success stories as part of the May Spring Conference. The conference will be held from May 3 – 5 at the Digby Pines Resort. More information on the conference program, accommodations, etc. will be forthcoming.

Showcasing municipal success stories is one of our most highly rated sessions at past events. The opportunity to share with your municipal colleagues what your municipality and community have accomplished is inspiring. Do you have a new and exciting way of delivering a service? Do you have a creative collaborative program with a neighboring municipality? An innovative community project? We would love to hear about it!

If interested, please email your proposed submission outlining specifically what you plan to speak about. The Spring Conference Planning Committee will select the presenters from the submissions received. Please send your submission to jwebber@nsfm.ca by **February 27th**.

Committee Appointment: AMANS Municipal Accessibility Steering Committee

From AMANS

The Municipal Accessibility Steering Committee is a volunteer-based committee that will determine the program direction and priorities to ensure it is meeting the needs of municipalities and villages.

Commitment Requirements:

Meetings will happen once a month for approximately 1-2 hours for the first several months while the committee settles into their work. The frequency of meetings can then be reassessed based on discussions within the committee who may decide to reduce the frequency of meetings to bi-monthly or quarterly meetings.

All committee meetings will take place virtually.

Committee members are asked to commit to participating for a 16-month (one and a half year) term from February 2023 – June 2024.

To apply, please submit a short description of your interests and experience to info@nsfm.ca by February 10.

[View the Terms of Reference here.](#)

Final Call for Applications: Joint Municipal Housing Committee

The NSFM Board of Directors is accepting applications to the Joint Municipal Housing Committee. If you are interested, please [read the Terms of Reference](#) and submit an expression of interest that includes a resume to info@nsfm.ca by **Friday, February 10, 2023**.

NRCAN Launches Call For Proposals For Codes Acceleration Fund

Natural Resources Canada's new Codes Acceleration Fund offers \$100M in funding opportunities for projects geared towards accelerating the adoption and implementation of the highest feasible tiers of national model energy codes or other high performance building codes. The application period **closes March 27, 2023**. Indigenous applicants have until March 31, 2025, to submit proposals.

[For information on how to apply, visit the CAF website.](#)

Call for Expression of Interest

As part of the provincial Agency, Boards, and Commissions (ABC) recruitment process, the Building Advisory Committee is seeking a nominee from NSFM. The Building Advisory Committee provides the Minister of DMAH with advice and

If you are interested in participating and meet the posted requirements, please submit an Expression of Interest to info@nsfm.ca. While the NSFM Board of Directors nominates an elected official, the selection process is completed at the provincial level.

Please put your name forward for this committee by February 24.

Code of Conduct Working Group (COCWG) Announces Second Round of Consultation

This round will focus on sanctions that can be imposed if there is a breach of the code, and options related to the investigator model process.

[In order to ensure a robust discussion during consultation the COCWG is providing elected officials and senior administrators with the proposed sanctions and options in advance for their review.](#)

To maximize the amount of feedback the COCWG can receive, there are going to be virtual and in-person consultation sessions. Although the virtual sessions are listed by region, the COCWG encourages elected officials and senior administrators to attend as many sessions on whichever dates best fit their schedule.

Please [register, using this link, for which consultation session](#) you plan to attend. The details for the consultation, including the virtual links and locations will be shared with the invitations. If you are unable to attend any of the proposed sessions, or should you have any questions about the consultation please email dmah-consultation@novascotia.ca.

Infrastructure Canada Launches Call for Applications to Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF)

The DMAF is a national, competitive, and merit-based contribution program intended to support infrastructure projects designed to mitigate current and future climate-related risks and disasters triggered by natural hazards, such as floods, wildland fires, droughts, and seismic events.

Eligible projects include new construction of public infrastructure and/or modification or reinforcement of existing public infrastructure, including natural infrastructure, that prevent, mitigate, or protect against the impacts of climate change, disasters triggered by natural hazards, and extreme weather.

[Information on the DMAF, including the applicant's guide, eligibility criteria, and how to apply, is available at this link.](#)

Applications must be submitted to Infrastructure Canada through the application portal accessible via the DMAF website. Applications will be accepted at any time before the portal closes on **July 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. (EDT)**.

[For program questions, contact dmaf-faac@infcc.gc.ca](mailto:dmaf-faac@infcc.gc.ca)



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