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Monday Memo



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NSFM Staffing Changes



NSFM would like to welcome **Ian Morrison** to our team as the new **Director of Operations and Communications**. Ian's previous roles include General Manager of Acadia Student's Union where he oversaw business operations and provided senior management advising to the Executive Board. He also has experience as a Chief Administrative Officer and, most recently, quality improvement for the Park and Recreation Unit at HRM.

We are also pleased to announce that **Dani Coffey** has accepted a new position within NSFM as **Director of Policy and Government Relations**.

Deadline this Week 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**.

NSFM Seeking Member Photos



We are seeking member photo submissions to show off their municipality for NSFM social media, presentations, and our printed products.

Have a photo-friendly favourite spot in your municipality? Know a shutterbug that would love to share their content with us?

[Reach out and show us what you have!](#)

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.](#)

Funding Available for Rural Transit

The Rural Transit Solutions Fund, Capital Projects Stream, is now [open for a second intake of applications](#). Eligible applicants, including rural municipalities, can seek funding of up to \$3 million to help cover the capital costs of a new or expanded transit solutions (e.g., purchase of vehicles or digital platforms) and up to \$5 million to support zero-emission transit solutions (e.g., for the purchase of zero-emission vehicle(s)).

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 assistance concerning the Building Advisory Act and regulations. For more information including Committee member requirements, please visit the Committee's [ABC Profile and Selection Criteria](#) page.

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 as possible 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@inf.gc.ca](mailto:dmaf-faac@inf.gc.ca)



Upcoming Events

Infrastructure Canada Webinar Series

Infrastructure Canada is hosting a series of webinars for guidance on preparing a strong Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) application. They will provide an overview of the program, its requirements and advice to help applicants navigate the application process.

To register: <https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/dmaf-faac/webinar-webinaire-eng.html>

English sessions:

- Tuesday, February 28, 1:30-2:30pm (EST) (FULL)
- Thursday, March 9, 1:30-2:30pm (EST) (FULL)
- Tuesday, March 14, 1:30-2:30pm (EDT)
- Tuesday, March 21, 1:30-2:30pm (EDT)

French sessions:

- Friday, February 24, 1:30-2:30pm (EST)
- Thursday, March 2, 1:30-2:30pm (EST)

Webinars focusing on applicants from the Atlantic provinces:

- Tuesday, March 7, 1:30-2:30pm (EST) English session
- Friday, March 10, 1:30-2:30pm (EST) French session

Webinar focusing on Indigenous communities:

- Wednesday, March 1, 1:30-2:30pm (EST) English session

Webinar focusing on Northern communities:

- Thursday, March 16, 1:30-2:30pm (EDT) English session



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