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Monday Memo



## Organizational Changes Update

Last week we embarked upon a new chapter for NSFM when our members voted to approve changes to our bylaws that affect how NSFM is structured, and how we conduct business. At our Special Meeting of the Members in Halifax last Thursday, we enacted seven core changes to the work of NSFM, which you can learn about here.

More than a year ago we asked our members to consider who we are, what we do, and to imagine a world where we can do our work more effectively and efficiently. While it's never easy to take a critical look at how our organization operates, we were extremely pleased by the members who spoke up for, against, and with questions about why.

We're now officially charting a course toward the future of NSFM, and we'll be setting a timeline for implementing each of the new procedures with the Board and distributing informative materials to members in due time.

As we move forward in this new direction one thing will remain constant: doing our best to advocate for our members from shore to shore to shore.

Thank you for charting this new course with us and for our journeys ahead.

Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton  
President, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

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## Call for Applications: Joint Municipal Housing Committee

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

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## 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.](#)

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## 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

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](mailto:info@nsfm.ca). While the NSFM Board of Directors nominates an elected official, the selection process is completed at the provincial level.

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## [Recreation Nova Scotia Launches adapted Equipment Loan Grant Program](#)

Applicants can receive up to \$7,000 to create or maintain a community Equipment Loan Program.

**Deadline for submissions: Noon, Friday, February 3**

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## **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](mailto:dmah-consultation@novascotia.ca).

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## **GoodLife Fitness Corporate Membership**

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Did you know you have access to a GoodLife Corporate Membership?

Both new and existing GoodLife members can take advantage of this great offer. An added benefit of the Corporate Membership Program is the ability to add a family member to your Corporate Membership.

### **What is the Corporate Membership rate?**

GoodLife is pleased to offer employees more membership options this year. Employees will continue to enjoy \$0 enrollment, and access to professionally trained staff, all while taking advantage of a **30% corporate discount** off of [regular club pricing](#).

### **Registration Process:**

- Step 1: Contact Rebecca Kolstee at [rkolstee@amans.ca](mailto:rkolstee@amans.ca) to obtain your unique login information to register online for your GoodLife Fitness Corporate Membership.
- Step 2: Use the unique login information to register [here](#)

The enrolment process will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Have your payment information and your existing GoodLife Membership

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registration process. GoodLife will send you a copy of your membership agreement electronically after you've completed the online registration process.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

To find a list of frequently asked questions, visit the Municipal Wellness Program webpage: <https://nsmunicipalwellness.ca/wellness-priorities/physical-health.html>

**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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