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Monday Memo

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## NSFM FALL CONFERENCE 2023

Our NSFM Fall Conference was a success!

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SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



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## EVENTS

### Preventing Workplace Harassment: engagement

The Occupational Health and Safety Division of the Safety Branch, Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration is inviting you and your colleagues to participate in a discussion on Harassment in the Workplace beginning on November 14 until December 8.

The Government of Nova Scotia is seeking to understand experience and opinions regarding harassment in the workplace. This is the first phase of an enhanced response to psychological health and safety in the workplace.

[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

## JOB POSTING

### Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund (SCCF) - Grant Coordinator

The following is a job opportunity for the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (SCCF). Please review and circulate to any prospective candidates who may be interested in the role.

**Position:** Grant Coordinator with Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund (SCCF)

**Position Details:** [Click here](#)

**Deadline to Apply:** December 1, 2023

## NEWS

[5. Provincial ministers face angry questions from municipal councillors](#)

[CBRM mayor, opposition politicians object to minister's comments during passage of bill](#)

[CBRM workers strike ends following Nova Scotia Labour Board ruling](#)

[Emergency Preparedness at NSFM Conference - CTV News](#)

[HRM mayor says provincial input would delay federally funded housing projects](#)

[Halifax officials don't trust housing minister's commitment to use powers sparingly](#)

[Housing, homelessness and coastal protection at NSFM Conference - CTV News](#)

[Housing top of mind at N.S. municipalities meeting](#)

[Floods, fires, hurricane focus of Halifax conference](#)

[N.S. mayors discuss housing, homelessness at Halifax meeting](#)

[N.S. minister suggests standardizing municipal bylaws to speed development](#)

[Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan premiers emphasize call to be part of housing deals](#)

[Municipal reform bill sees wide support, CBRM pitches amendments](#)

[Proposed CBRM amendments to controversial funding-agreement bill dismissed at committee](#)

[Why Canada Needs to Transform Its Approach to Funding for Climate Disaster Recovery](#)

## IN THE NEWS

### Update on Body-Worn Cameras for RCMP Officers

NSFM is a municipal associate member on the RCMP Contract Management Committee, which oversees RCMP governance and expenses on behalf of contract policing partners. As a member of this committee representing municipal contract partners, NSFM is able to provide the following update:

The Contract Management Committee (CMC) Body Worn Camera (BWC) Sub-Committee meeting held on September 21, 2023, the BWC project has been delayed as the first Field Test did not meet all of the RCMP's technical criteria in an operational setting. The RCMP will now conduct a Field Test with the second of two bidders and is on track to roll out BWC in fiscal year 2024-25.

Given that contract jurisdictions will only be charged when BWC are implemented and operational in their jurisdiction and that the RCMP anticipates the national roll-out will occur in 2024-25, cost recovery timelines remain as previously communicated. i.e., begin in fiscal year 2024-25.

In order to ensure proper fiscal stewardship of the PPSA, the Province of Nova Scotia has not made a decision regarding a budget increase for BWC for the RCMP Division in this region (H Division) due to the limited information on costs that is available at this time.

NSFM will continue to monitor this situation, with a focus on implications of this

decision for MFSA contract partners.

### **Intact Public Entities supporting natural asset management for municipalities in Ontario and Atlantic Canada**

Intact Public Entities (IPE) has announced a new partnership with Natural Assets Initiative (NAI) to sponsor the Natural Asset Management Roadmap Program for municipalities in Ontario and Atlantic Canada. The program led by NAI, provides direction, support and guidance to local governments as they develop high-level plans to account for nature in their asset management strategies. IPE will sponsor municipal clients to participate in this highly beneficial program.

[Click here to learn more](#)

### **CUTA Report - Housing is on the line: How public transit can help tackle Canada's housing crisis**

This study, a product of a nationwide, multi-sectoral engagement process, explores the intricate relationship between housing policy and public transit.

The report offers 17 recommendations spanning five policy pillars for governments and transit agencies at all levels, aiming to enhance the synergy between public transit and housing supply. [Click here to view Report](#)

## **FUNDING**

### **Unlock Funding Opportunities for Your Municipality Today!**

We are delighted to announce that NSFM has launched its 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](https://nsfm.ca/grants). As part of this initiative, a monthly funding update will be communicated, outlining upcoming deadlines and information sessions.

### **The Community Memorials Program**

This program is provided by the National Wall of Remembrance Association. The objective is to help communities across Canada either repair/refurbish their local community memorials or build them if they do not already exist. Hundreds of memorials have been built in small towns, villages, and cities across Canada, especially after World War I, and many are in need of repair.

**Deadline:** April 1st or October 1st (Annually)

**Contact:** Bruce Ewing, [ewing123456789@sympatico.ca](mailto:ewing123456789@sympatico.ca)

**Website:** [Community Memorials Program](#)

**Contact NSFM's Fund Navigator, Lucy MacLeod:** [lmacleod@nsfm.ca](mailto:lmacleod@nsfm.ca).

### **Clean's Community Climate Capacity (CCC) program is now accepting Expression of Interest.**

The CCC program will be working with up to 15 Nova Scotian communities over three-years, supporting their climate and sustainability measures by helping to identify their climate challenges and implement adaptation and mitigation actions.

The CCC program, funded by the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Climate Change, will provide communities with the dedicated staff of specialists who can help guide them through climate and sustainability initiatives at the local level.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

### **Clean Tech Call for Projects**

Municipalities looking for the right researcher to support them in their innovative clean technology projects should contact Mitacs (see below). Mitacs works to circulate your opportunity throughout their post-secondary networks to find candidates who are the best fit. If a match is successful, a researcher will then complete an internship with the municipality to assist with the project, and Mitacs will contribute \$10,000 CAD towards funding the internship.

Clean technology projects are expected to involve the research, development, or novel implementation of innovative technologies or processes to positively impact land, air, or water. This includes key areas in the following sectors: transportation, energy generation and storage, waste, and sustainable materials, built environment, agriculture, and food services.

Contact Mitacs to discuss your potential project before developing your proposal: [Special calls | Mitacs](#)

## FCM Funding Opportunities

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

## PROGRAMS

### 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](#)

### Enterprise Fleet Management: Maintaining Electric Vehicles

There are still many questions surrounding electric vehicles (EVs). EVs are drastically different mechanically from internal combustion engines. [Learn more about the key differences to maintaining EVs and considerations.](#)

Enterprise is a partner of the NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program. Click [here](#) for fleet management solutions.

### Waste Management Equipment Program

The NSFM/Canoe Waste Management Equipment Program has partnered with leading manufacturers of innovative waste management vehicles and equipment. With a wide variety of suppliers to choose from, you will be able to find the products that meet your specific needs. Click [here](#) for more information.

## WEBINARS

### Municipalities Keep Electric Fleets Charged

Siemens, a partner in the NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program will present on how to ensure electric vehicles in your municipal fleet are able to stay charged. Representatives from the City of Toronto will share their experience in adapting their fleets and facilities to support EVs.

**November 9, 2:00 pm-3:00 pm (AST)**

Register: [Click here](#)

### Fostering Resilience in Women Municipal Leaders

An event for all women Mayors, Councillors, and CAOs! Meet three inspiring women municipal women from across Atlantic Canada:

- Amanda McDougall, Mayor of CBRM
- Laurie Boucher, Mayor of Antigonish
- Joanna Killen, Councillor, City of Saint John

Presented by the **Federation of PEI Municipalities**, **PEI Alliance for Mental Well-Being**, and the **PEI Coalition for Women in Government**.

**November 15, 6:30 pm-7:30 pm (AST)**

Register: [Click here](#)

### Taxable vs. Exempt Supplies – Municipalities

- *Do you want to hear about which revenues are GST/HST taxable?*
- *Have you ever wondered if you have incorrectly accounted for GST/HST?*
- *Do you know about obligations to self-assess GST/HST?*

The presentation will include information about revenue sources that attract GST/HST and those that do not. A review of the fundamentals for municipalities to help ensure your organization is correctly accounting for GST/HST.

**November 16 10:00 am-11:00 am (AST)**

Register: [Click here](#)

### A Sustainable Future for Your Fleet Vehicles

Navistar, a partner in the NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program, specializes in fleet electrification. Join us for a presentation on Navistar's current and future plans for fleet electrification and sustainable transportation.

**November 23, 2:00 pm-3:00 pm (AST)**

Register: [Click here](#)

#### Accessible and Inclusive Employment

The session will share information about barriers to accessible employment for persons with disabilities, provide updates related to the work of the Employment Standard Development Committee, and share best practices for accessible and inclusive employment. Email: [Hannah.MacDougal@novascotia.ca](mailto:Hannah.MacDougal@novascotia.ca)

November 23, 10:00 am–11:30 am (AST)

Register: [Click here](#)

#### Uncrewed Vehicles with Volatus Aerospace and Deep Trekker

The NSF/Canoe Procurement Program provides you with cost-effective, complaint 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](#)

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## 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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