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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

HIGHLIGHTS FROM FALL CONFERENCE 2023

Raising The Bar On Local Leadership was a great success!

NSFM's Fall Conference stands as the premiere annual gathering for municipal elected officials in the province, uniting a diverse community. This year's event provided an enriching experience with sessions, discussions, panels, and networking opportunities, delving into crucial topics such as the Impact of the Province's Population Growth Strategy, Housing, Diversity and Inclusion, Natural Infrastructure for Municipalities, Emergency Preparedness, and the significant addition of a focused discussion on Policing Matters.

The conference addressed pressing issues surrounding policing, fostering a comprehensive dialogue to enhance community safety and cooperation between municipalities and law enforcement. This strategic inclusion exemplifies NSFM's commitment to tackling the multifaceted challenges faced by local leaders, offering a platform for informed discussions and collaborative solutions. The Fall Conference remains an essential nexus for municipal officials, providing not only a space for learning and networking, but also an avenue for addressing critical issues that impact communities across the province.

To view conference highlights visit **NSFM's Facebook Photo Album**: [Click Here](#). Where we would like to encourage you to: **Tag, Like, Comment, and Share** any or all the photos we have posted with your networks.

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.](#)

REPORT

Natural Asset Management Dialogue Report

Read the [new report](#) by Natural Assets Initiative (NAI), supported by **Joanna Eyquem, Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation**, on recommendations to educate and train professionals on Natural Asset Management. The report aims to support the ongoing evolution of natural asset management by identifying opportunities for effective education and training to help mainstream the practice across Canada.

The Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation is an education partner of the **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program**.

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)

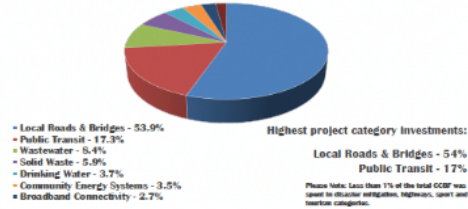
Position Details: [Click here](#)

Deadline to Apply: December 1, 2023

NEWS

Percentage of CCBF Spent in Project Categories

for 2014 - 22*



Canada Community-Building Fund: A Year in Review

In 2022-2023, the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) continued to inspire growth and transformation in Nova Scotia's municipalities. Here's a snapshot of our journey:

🏠 Total Municipal Funding: \$612M since 2014

🌳 Nova Scotia's 2022-23 CCBF Allocation: \$57,549,645

🏛️ Cumulative Municipal Funding (2005-2025): \$992M

🤝 Collaboration with the Province for effective administration

📄 Outcomes Report 2017-2021: Unveiling sustainable municipal infrastructure investments

🌊 From revitalizing water facilities to enhancing scenic trails, CCBF is reshaping the landscape of Nova Scotia.

🔗 Learn more about the impactful journey: [Click Here](#)

Help Birds Canada Conserve a Declining Bird - The Chimney Swift

Chimney Swifts are a small, acrobatic bird species that can be found flying over most Nova Scotia municipalities each summer eating lots of insects while raising young and spending nights in masonry chimneys. This incredible species has declined significantly over the past few decades, but municipal governments have the power to help us conserve their declining urban habitat! [Birds Canada](#) is a national non-profit organization that has been monitoring and supporting stewardship of chimney swifts in the Maritimes for over a decade ([SwiftWatch](#)).

We are looking to partner with municipalities that are interested in helping conserve this special species by flagging properties used by chimney swifts to review permit applications through a chimney swift lens, developing policy to protect known and potential chimney swift habitat, and sharing outreach material about swifts with residents.

More info, contact: Graham Sorenson gsorenson@birdscanada.org or [Click Here](#)

IN THE NEWS

[After July floods took four lives, Nova Scotia plans flood plain mapping by 2026 | CTV News](#)

[Cape Breton council votes in favour of rescinding nighttime parade ban](#)

[HRM, developer reach deal about safety issues at Bloomfield site](#)

[Halifax get \\$25K art grant | CTV News](#)

[Overnight shelter opens in Bridgewater. N.S. as mavor criticizes](#)

[province's communication](#)

[Plan for Chignecto Isthmus work could be ready in about 12 months](#)

FUNDING

Access Financial Resources to Empower Your Municipality

NSFM recently launched 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](#)

Here are some highlights:

[Municipal Capital Growth Program](#)

[Enabling Accessibility Fund](#)

[Tremendous Communities - Tree Canada](#)

[Changed for Change](#)

[Low Carbon Economy Fund](#)

[Healthcare Professionals Recruitment- Community Fund](#)

[Celebrate Canada Funding Program](#)

[Energy Innovation Program- Smart Grid](#)

[Digital Content Marketing Program](#)

Contact NSFM's Fund Navigator, Lucy MacLeod: lmacleod@nsfm.ca.

FCM Funding Opportunities

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

PROGRAMS

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. Since January, Andy has been working as 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.

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 Municipal Group Insurance Program

NSFM offers a comprehensive and flexible commercial, D&O, and liability insurance program so that municipal units are able to effectively meet the needs of their citizens. Benefits can be summarized as follows:

- Continue devaluation around the quality of the broker services (annual survey) and acting on the results received from participants
- Education and awareness around risk management issues (including inspections which contain hazard recommendations as well as building valuations and contract reviews)
- Guiding participants to control claims by mitigating risks in advance
- Local claims management
- Insurance products specifically aimed at municipal units and the expertise of

- the service team
- Leveraging the strength of the relationships within the program (insurer, brokers, program sponsor)
- Stability within an unstable landscape
- Strength in numbers

The advantages of the program are best explained by the municipal units participating in the NSFM program:

- Benefit of being part of a larger group
- Communication with fellow municipalities
- Economies of scale
- Insurance provided through a municipal lens
- Not having to tender and plan the program oneself
- Program tailored to small, medium, and large municipalities

In addition, the NSFM program offers value-added education around relevant insurance topics. Have you evaluated your commercial insurance needs recently? Questions about the NSFM program? Contact imorrison@nsfm.ca

NSFM/Canoe Facility Assessment Program

Effectively managing your municipality's physical assets can sometimes seem overwhelming. With expert approved suppliers, the NSFM/Canoe Facility Assessment Program provides the asset management expertise you need to operate efficiently. [Assessment Solutions/](#)

WEBINARS

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.MacDougall@novascotia.ca

November 23, 10:00 am-11:30 am (AST)

Register: [Click here](#)

Uncrewed Vehicles with Volatus Aerospace and Deep Trekker

The **NSFM/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](#)

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](#). To view the webinar, click [here](#).

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 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](#)

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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