

Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
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EVENTS

Access Now Available: Policing Meeting Presentations

For those who were unable to attend our recent Policing Meeting, we are pleased to inform you that all the presentations from the meeting are now available for your review. These insightful presentations cover crucial topics and updates related to policing in our communities. To access the content [click here](#)

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](#)

AWARDS

Carbon Surcharge Fund Award

Congratulations to West Hants Regional Municipality (WHRM) for being awarded the 2023 NSFM Carbon Surcharge Fund! Mayor Abraham (Abe) Zebian accepted the cheque in recognition of their remarkable sustainability efforts at the recent NSFM Fall Conference.

The Carbon Surcharge Fund Awards: Fostering Sustainability, One Project at a Time. In 2012, NSFM's Board of Directors took a pioneering step by introducing a \$5 carbon surcharge on conference registration fees. This forward-thinking move was designed to support sustainability initiatives and enhance our environmental practices

Climate Change Leaders Award

This year, the award is shared by three towns—**Antigonish, Berwick, and Mahone Bay**, who jointly applied through their utility partner, AREANS.

This innovative project addresses equity concerns by allowing residents to subscribe

to solar power rather than purchasing and installing their own equipment. Join us in honouring these three innovative towns and Mayor Don Clarke for their outstanding efforts in climate change adaptation and mitigation.

JOB POSTING

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

[3 prospective affordable housing projects announced | CTV News](#)

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

[Alex Colville replicas on permanent display in downtown Wolfville](#)

[Annapolis County ordered to consult public on council size again](#)

[Long-time MODG councillors honoured for service](#)

[This town is growing faster than others and expects to be short 800 new units](#)

[Three members of Antigonish Town Council Recognized for Long Municipal Service](#)

IN THE NEWS

Fall Economic Statement

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities has issued a response to the Fall Economic Statement, that was delivered in the House of Commons on November 21.

FCM's reaction to the 2023 Fall Economic Statement [click here](#)

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](#)

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

Important Grant Info:

- [The Green Choice Program](#) opens Dec 15
- [Energy Innovation Program- Smart Grid](#) now open
- [Natural Asset Management Roadmap Program](#) now open
- [Changed for Change EV Infrastructure Program](#) deadline Feb 22
- [Low Carbon Economy Fund](#) now open
- [Digital Content Marketing Program](#) deadline Dec 15
- [Canada Summer Job Wage Subsidy Program](#) deadline Jan 10
- [Tremendous Communities](#) deadline Dec 3
- [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#) deadline Jan 31
- [Community Economic Development Fund](#) (formerly Invest NS Fund) opens in Dec

FCM Funding Opportunities

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

PROGRAMS

NSFM/Canoe Paint Supply Program

We live in a colourful world, so why limit your projects to shades of grey? With the **Canoe Paint Supply Program**, you can access a wide range of architectural and commercial paint, wall coverings, and tools that will help you get the job done right. Our program is fully trade compliant, cuts through the administrative hassles, and gives you exclusive access to preferential pricing and services.

[NSFM Canoe Paint Supply Program information](#)

Take Your Fleet Further

Through leveraging the combined purchasing power of all member organizations, the **NSFM/Canoe Fuel & Lubricant Program** allows municipalities access to a nation-wide network of fuel and lubricant providers at preferred pricing. The program has options for filling up at a nearby gas station, accessing cardlock, or arranging for bulk delivery. How it works:

- Contact Canoe Procurement for a free fuel analysis
- Canoe will provide a report based on the last three months of your fuel invoices versus what you would pay by switching to the program
- Upon confirming your intent to opt into the program, Canoe will provide relevant documents and fuel cards

[Click here](#) for more information

Fireproof Your Organization

Your emergency responders are at the forefront of some of your most critical operations and keeping them safe is critical. Through the **NSFM/Canoe Firefighting PPE Program**, municipalities get preferred pricing on some of the best protective equipment available in the industry, including bunker gear, hoods, helmets, boots, gloves, and more.

[Grainger Canada](#) is a procurement partner in the program:

- Firefighting PPE, apparel, and accessories
- Cleaning maintenance equipment
- 24/7 online ordering with no minimum order
- Pre-paid freight on orders shipped via ground
- Same-day shipping on 99% of in-stock items
- KeepStock inventory management solution
- Distributor Alliance Small Business Program
- More info, contact: katrina.king@grainger.ca

NSFM/Canoe MRO Supply Program

Nuts and bolts. Hammers and wrenches. Safety goggles and construction wear. Cleaning supplies and sanitation solutions. Maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO) supplies are diverse and widely-used throughout nearly every corner of nearly every organization. With great suppliers offering enormous catalogues, the NSFM/Canoe MRO Program gets you access to what you need.

[MRO Supply Program - Canoe Procurement Group of Canada](#)

Stop. Look. Read.

The **NSFM/Canoe Traffic Supply Program** enables municipalities to partner with major traffic sign suppliers to provide everything from the basic essentials to specific use equipment, this program ensures members get the signage they need at a competitive price and always trade compliant.

[How the program works](#)

ATS Traffic is a traffic supply partner of NSFM/Canoe

[IRD - International Road Dynamics | Brands | ATS Traffic Product Catalog](#)

WEBINARS

Uncrewed Vehicles with Volatus Aerospace and Deep Trekker

The NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program provides you with cost-effective, compliant 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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