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Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

NSFM FALL CONFERENCE 2023



Have you secured your spot for the NSFM 2023 November Conference?

In addition to the wealth of informative sessions and networking opportunities, we're thrilled to announce a highlight of the event: "Light It Up!" - The Live Game Show hosted by the charismatic Tyler Hayden.



Prepare to be whisked away into a world where classic TV game shows, meet the captivating essence of Nova Scotia, Canada. Calling all game show enthusiasts and thrill-seekers! "Light It Up" is your chance to experience the excitement of legendary game shows like "Survivor," "Wheel of Fortune," and "Jeopardy" firsthand.

Immerse yourself in the electrifying atmosphere of game shows, where you won't just be a spectator but an active participant. Challenge your game show expertise with brain-teasing trivia questions and compete for incredible prizes and the ultimate bragging rights.

But that's not all! Embark on riveting Nova Scotia Quests, where you'll decode clues, solve puzzles, and unearth the hidden treasures of this remarkable region. Engage in exhilarating game show-inspired activities that will have you cheering, strategizing, and bonding with your team like never before.

Don't miss out on this extraordinary fusion of classic TV game shows and the irresistible charm of Nova Scotia. "Light It Up" promises unforgettable moments of laughter, camaraderie, and adventure. Rally your colleagues at NSFM and seize the opportunity for a total game-changer, with the chance to win fabulous prizes.

Secure your place today and get ready to be part of the excitement at the NSFM 2023 November Conference!

**EARLY BIRD RATE DEADLINE ENDS
TOMORROW - OCTOBER 10**

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

PRESENTING SPONSOR



EVENTS

NSFM's Meeting on Policing – Registration Open

This meeting will include an update from the Department of Justice, a review of NSFM's *'What We Heard Report'* on engagement members, and a number of presentations on innovations in municipal policing from your municipal colleagues.

Date: November 7, 2023 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Location: Westin Nova Scotian's Atlantic Ballroom

Register Today by [clicking here!](#) Please register by November 1

NSFM's 2023 Board of Directors Election Campaign

The campaign for NSFM's 2023 Board of Directors Election has officially begun (October 5-26). We invite you to acquaint yourself with the nominees, where you will discover their backgrounds, aspirations, and dedication to serving our communities [Click here for more info](#)

NEWS

Assessment

The Department has posted the final approved Guidelines at [Air | Air\(novascotia.ca\)](#) and [Publications | Resources \(novascotia.ca\)](#), effective October 1, 2023. Noise related compliance continues to be based on the terms and conditions as written in Approvals. These terms and conditions remain applicable until such time as the Approval is updated to reflect the use of the new Guidelines.

Built Environment Accessibility Standard wants your feedback!

Nova Scotia's proposed Built Environment Accessibility Standard work is now available for review and comment! This is an important milestone in the development of Nova Scotia's first accessibility standard. The goal of this standard is to address barriers to accessibility in buildings and outdoor spaces. [To learn more.](#)

[Deadline for public feedback:](#) October 30, 2023.

Information Session for PPSBs: Proposed Built Environment Accessibility Standard Work

This webinar will take place on Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 1:00 pm. – 2:00 p.m. on Zoom. Please note that this webinar is an information session and not a forum to provide feedback on the proposed standard. Please [use this link to register.](#)

Rules of Order & Meeting Processes In-person Workshops

AMANS, in conjunction with NSFAM, presents the following in-person workshop opportunity. Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis with a limit of 30 registrants per session.

Join our transformative workshop to unlock the secrets behind successful town and municipal council or village commission meetings. Don't miss out on the chance to elevate your governance skills and ensure your meetings run seamlessly.

Exclusive Incentives Await You – Early Bird Advantage

- **Enroll before the early bird deadlines for a chance to win a complimentary registration for your selected session!**
- **Secure a Certificate of Completion upon workshop fulfillment.**

[Click here for more info](#)

IN THE NEWS

[Neighbours call for public meeting in wake of rowdy street party near Dalhousie campus](#)

[Proposed Mount Uniacke quarry expansion faces opposition from East Hants municipality](#)

[Halifax waives property taxes owed by residents of historically Black community.](#)

[Nova Scotia tourism numbers rise, but some businesses still struggling](#)

[Proposed local improvement bylaw meets with stiff opposition in Victoria County.](#)

[Home insurers aiming for 'climate risk' rating system to deal with extreme weather events](#)

[Homeowners on flood-prone Windsor Street call for fixes to overburdened sewers](#)

FUNDING**Opportunities Closing Soon!****2 Billion Trees**

Deadline: October 12 [Click here for more Info](#)

FCM Funding Opportunities

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

PROGRAMS**Make Yourself Comfortable**

Staff and Councillors that are comfortable at work are productive at work. With the **NSFM/Canoe Furniture Program**, municipalities get access to furniture designers and manufacturers, such as **Humanscale**, who are recognized as experts in their

- Post a notice on your recognized electronic bid notification system to use the NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program
- Contact the supplier of your choice, requesting program pricing
- Confirm purchase with a contract number

Read about how [Humanscale](#) eliminates harmful chemical from products

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:

- Continued evaluation 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

Reminder: Accessibility Foundations Train the Trainer Opportunity

The Accessibility Directorate is pleased to share an opportunity to engage in our Accessibility Foundations Train the Trainer program this fall.

The Accessibility Foundations train the trainer program includes a 2-module, live, facilitated, virtual workshop series. You **must** be available to attend **both modules**. [For more information](#)

Application deadline is Wednesday, November 1 @ 4pm.

Module 1- Thursday, November 30, 1-3:30pm

Module 2- Thursday, December 7, 1-3:30pm

[Click here to apply](#)

WEBINARS

EPR for PPP Regulation Overview

If you missed the webinar by NSFM and the Regional Solid Waste Chairs, which was an overview of the recently announced EPR regulations to assist local elected officials in understanding the implications these regulations will have for their municipality, we have a video clip of Councillor Cyril MacDonald and Shannon Betts' presentation [Click here to view](#)

- **Councillor Cyril MacDonald** is Chair of the Nova Scotia Solid Waste-Resource Management Regional Chairs Committee and the Elected Chair for Region 1.
- **Shannon Betts** is Manager, Policy & Enforcement, Solid Waste Resources at Halifax Regional Municipality and Chair of the Municipal-Provincial Priorities Group, a working sub-committee of Regional Chairs.

Gordian: Job Order Contracting

Job Order Contracting (JOC) is a procurement process that is relatively new in Canada and is most suitable for repairs, renewal, alteration projects, and emergency work. Instead of conducting multiple procurement processes, JOC allows for a variety of projects to be completed through a single contract that is competitively

construction projects run smoothly.

October 11, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (AST) [Register Here](#)

About: [Canoe Procurement](#)

RESOURCES

[Summer Municipal Observer](#)

The magazine for the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

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