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## Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
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## NSFM FALL CONFERENCE 2023

**Discover the Value of NSFM's 2023 Annual Conference!**

There's an incredible opportunity waiting for you and your municipality at the NSFM event. "Raising the Bar on Local Leadership" promises exceptional value with a range of presentations, discussions, educational sessions, and networking opportunities. Topics include Housing Programs, Emergency Preparedness, the provincial-municipal relationship, and more. Our keynote speaker, David Miller, will address "Local Governments Leading the World in Innovation," and we've invited party leaders to share their vision for elevating our great Province.

**Here are the top three reasons to register now:**

- 1. Informative Sessions:** Gain insights on the province's population growth strategy, explore innovative municipal success stories, and learn about building resilience and de-escalating situations. It's a prime moment to expand your knowledge.
- 2. Insightful Speakers:** Connect with provincial party representatives and inspirational changemakers who are driving positive change in Nova Scotia communities.
- 3. Network and Partner:** Forge valuable connections with fellow municipal colleagues, provincial department representatives, and our sponsor partners/suppliers.

This conference is a unique opportunity you won't want to miss. Secure your spot today and be part of "Raising the Bar on Local Leadership" at NSFM's 2023 Annual Conference. Join us in Halifax for an event like no other!

[VIEW THE PROGRAM &  
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](#)

**Community Health Board (CHB) Conference**

This conference *Building Healthy Communities Collaborating for a Healthier Tomorrow* will provide an opportunity for CHB members to discuss health planning, and network with other members from across the province. Special Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Medical Officer of Health for the Province of Nova Scotia.

**Date:** November 17 & 18

**Location:** Best Western Plus, Dartmouth

**For more information contact:** [aron.ashton@nshealth.ca](mailto:aron.ashton@nshealth.ca)

## NEWS

**Applications open for 2023-24 Voice of the Visitor Survey Program**

**inclusion in an online survey.** This unique opportunity, free of charge, provides valuable insights into visitors' perspectives. Receive a detailed report with data and analysis to inform your planning. Shape your community's future with informed decisions. Apply now for a richer understanding of your visitors.  
[Click here for more info](#)

### Updated Guidelines for Environmental Noise Measurement and 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.](#)

## IN THE NEWS

[PCs introduce bill to give N.S. government more say over HRM development](#)

[N.S. to launch tiny home community for homeless people in Lower Sackville](#)

[More than 250 residents pack public hearing on proposed Victoria County tax bylaw](#)

[N.S. businesses say historic buildings need flexibility for fire, accessibility rules](#)

[Canadian universities bet on international students, but global shifts present risks](#)

[Tents in Halifax's Grand Parade prompt rethink of public gatherings](#)

[Scottish Minister discusses links to N.S. | CTV News](#)

## FUNDING

### 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](#) to find more information.

## PROGRAMS

### 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**.

**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

### **Gilbarco/Gasboy: Fuel Management in Ontario Municipalities**

Safely managing fuel can be a challenge in an active public works depot. Join Gilbarco as they share case studies on recent fuel management projects in Southwestern Ontario and provide details on new technology options coming to market. Gilbarco is a fuel management partner in the NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program and their experience in the Ontario market can be beneficial here in Nova Scotia.

**October 26 2:00 pm-3:00 pm (AST)** [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

### **Transport Canada – Grade Crossings Information Session**

You are invited to attend an information session by Transport Canada (TC) regarding the requirements of the Rail Safety Grade Crossings Regulations (GCR) and the changes that were made in November 2021 to the GCR compliance deadline.

**Email Cassandra Boulay:** [cassandra.boulay@tc.gc.ca](mailto:cassandra.boulay@tc.gc.ca)

**Date:** November 9th from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM (EST)

### **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.

## 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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