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Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

NSFM FALL CONFERENCE 2023

**Last Chance to Register!****Registration for the 2023 NSFM Annual Conference closes at noon on Nov. 2.**

Don't miss out on over 30 different sessions and networking opportunities, all focused on **"Raising the Bar on Local Leadership."** From engaging Conversation Tables with Deputy Ministers to inspiring Municipal Success Stories, insightful sessions on issues impacting your communities, and featuring more than 25 different presenters and panel members, this conference is your gateway to growth.

Get registered now to unlock the full spectrum of benefits the NSFM Conference has to offer.

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PRESENTING SPONSOR



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.](#)**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, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**Location:** Westin Nova Scotia's Atlantic Ballroom**Register Today by [clicking here!](#) Please register by Wednesday, November 1**[Click here for What We Heard Report & the Agenda](#)

NEWS

[Bedford-area Coun. Tim Outhit won't be seeking re-election in 2024](#)[CBRM councillors reject new provincial funding deal, saying it would cost taxpayers more](#)[CBRM mayor calling for apology over government's alleged 'divide-and-conquer' tactic](#)[CBRM, province continue to spar over proposed new funding agreement](#)[Funding to Help Salmon, Trout in Vital Wild Salmon Watershed](#)[Halifax takes first steps to designate seat on council for Mi'kmaq representation](#)[Mayor vs minister in new municipal deal | Information Morning cbc.ca](#)

[Nova Scotia government lays out plan to reduce 41,000-home shortage by 2028](#)

[Province claims new bill will save municipalities up to \\$50M, but Cape Breton mayor skeptical](#)

[The smell of money: CBRM sewage project comes in 26% under budget](#)

IN THE NEWS

Interview with NSFM President Brenda Chisholm-Beaton on the Todd Veinotte Show - City News 95-7

An interview regarding Op-Ed, *Modernizing Municipal Services: A Step Forward for Nova Scotia* and legislative Bill 340. [Click here to listen](#)

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** — a centralized resource dedicated to our members.

Our **Funding Database** is thoughtfully organized into ten categories, aligning with various municipal services. It showcases a range of application-based funding opportunities from federal, provincial, and private sources. Each grant's application deadline is prominently displayed, with currently available opportunities featured at the top of the page. You can access this valuable tool at: nsfm.ca/grants.

For more information, contact lmacleod@nsfm.ca.

Grant Deadlines for November

Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund, Nov. 14 – Pre-screening, Nov. 28 – Full application.

Age Friendly Communities Grant Program, Nov. 21

Healthcare Recruitment Community Fund, Nov. 24

Community Climate Capacity Program, EOI open until early November

EJ4Climate: Environmental Justice and Climate Resilience, Nov. 9

Green Freight Program, Nov. 16

Atlantic Salmon Conservation, Nov. 17

Celebrate Canada Funding Program, Nov. 21

Youth Employment and Skills Strategy Program, Nov. 22

Substance Use and Addictions Program, Nov. 22

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

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

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?](#)

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

Staples Professional: Video Conferencing Solutions

From municipal chamber meetings to boardrooms to breakout rooms and coffee shops, how well does your municipal team stay connected? Is your solution designed to accommodate remote or hybrid work right now, or could you easily transition if it was needed in the future? Through the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**, Staples Professional has videoconferencing solutions for almost any situation, featuring competitive pricing and leasing options. Design, integration, and installation is part of the packaged solutions. Visit [Video Conferencing Solutions](#).

Drone Data Enhances Sludge Surveys

Drones have ushered in a revolutionary era across diverse industries such as agriculture, construction, mining, and surveying. This transformative impact is primarily attributed to the advanced capabilities of drones, which encompass high-resolution cameras and sensors adept at capturing data from myriad perspectives. In the realm of sludge surveys, drone-generated imagery emerges as a pivotal resource, displaying critical insights into diverse facets including on-site infrastructure and attributes, offshore and inshore vegetation, sludge islands, defective liners, and elevation metrics. Hydrasurvey is a partner of the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**. [Click here for more details](#)

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](#)

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 @ 4:00 pm.

Module 1- Thursday, November 30, from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Module 2- Thursday, December 7, from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm

[Click here to apply](#)

WEBINARS

Municipalities Keep Electric Fleets 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)

[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)

November 9, from 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm (EST)

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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