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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

NSFM 2024 SPRING CONFERENCE

Future-Focused Municipalities: PIONEERING SOLUTIONS

May 8-10, Inverary Inn, Baddeck, NS

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION RATE EXPIRES APRIL 11TH!

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the conference website. The full program and registration details can be found on the site.

Don't miss out on the early bird registration fee!

Join us for the NSFM Spring Conference, dedicated to "Future Focused Municipalities: Pioneering Solutions." This event is tailored exclusively for municipal elected officials, offering a day and a half of invaluable insights and networking opportunities designed to enhance your leadership and community impact.

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NEWS

[Eclipse safety tips for Nova Scotia](#)

[Government pauses Antigonish consolidation despite town, county officials' approval](#)

[Madeline Libbus](#), the first female President of NSFM (then NSUM) passed away March 30 at the age of 83. She was a Richmond District Councillor for 12 years, Richmond County Warden for nine years, and the first female warden in Cape Breton.

[Natural Disasters Prompt Conversations About Improving Building Codes](#)

[Provincial subsidy for Cape Breton railway line not being renewed: minister](#)

FUNDING

Unleash Fiscal Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The NSFM Funding Database is a centralized resource dedicated to our members to help find municipal funding opportunities. A monthly funding update will also be communicated, outlining deadlines and information sessions.

Click [here](#) to see the latest updates on the Municipal Funding Database.

- New [Grant Finder](#) tool for CCHT funding.
- [Build and Mobilize Foundational Wildland Fire Knowledge](#) is open.
- [Environmental Damages Fund](#) is not available in Nova Scotia.
- Tourism Nova Scotia [Emerging Destinations Program](#) is open.
- [New rebates](#) for larger zero-emission vehicles.
- Quest Canada has announced a [Pan-Atlantic Net-zero Community Accelerator Program](#).
- [Green Municipal Fund](#) is Hosting a webinar on April 11 about implementing multi-solving in your sustainability project, [click here](#) to register.
- [Safe Communities First Responder Program](#) has been added to the database and is open for applications.
- The [Innoweave program](#) is open.
- [Nova Scotia Mineral Resources Development Fund Communities Grant](#) is open.
- [Tourism Digital Assistance Program](#) is open.
- [Community Solar Program](#) is open.
- [Seed Funding](#) is open.
- [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#), design and planning stream is open.
- Community Health Boards [Wellness Funds](#) are open.

FCM Funding Opportunities

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) offers grants for municipal environmental projects: [more information](#). Learn more about FCM's [Green Municipal Fund](#) (GMF), which has refocused to enhance flexibility, adaptability, and impact.

PROGRAMS

EMS Supply

The NSFM/Canoe EMS Supply Program provides products ranging from defibrillators to powered loaders and stretchers. The program leverages the buying power of all member organizations to provide the solutions needed to equip your organization with the emergency products you need. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. NSFM/Canoe = Local. [More information](#)

NSFM/Canoe Drone

Procure uncrewed vehicles that can provide precise data collection, infrastructure inspection, maintenance, mapping, and modelling services with ease. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

[Learn about the NSF/Canoe Drone Program](#)

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. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

[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

Auto Insurance Tips: Electric & Hybrids

Did you know that you can receive exclusive insurance discounts on your **personal home and auto insurance** through BrokerLink's group insurance program? BrokerLink is proud to provide quality insurance products, expertise, and solutions to our sector. Their dedicated group insurance advisors will compare your coverage options and help get you the most comprehensive coverage at the best value.

Thinking about purchasing an electric or hybrid vehicle? [Click here](#) for some useful information on how that impacts your insurance.

BrokerLink is a program partner of NSF/Canoe.

WEBINARS

Home & Auto Insurance: Recording

Did you miss our webinar on the **NSFM Personal Home & Auto Insurance Program**? BrokerLink is proud to provide quality insurance products, expertise, and solutions to our sector. Their dedicated group insurance advisors will compare your coverage options and help get you the most comprehensive coverage at the best value. This webinar recording explains how the program works, how access works, and how you, as an elected leader or municipal staffer can benefit from lower insurance rates and value-added education on insurance products. [Click here](#).

Risk Preparation for Natural Disasters

The NSF/Canoe Procurement Program presents the following webinar: Risk Preparation for Natural Disasters. Natural disasters affect us all, and understanding what resources are available is key to preparing for worst-case scenarios. Please join Fred Krause as he discusses his past experiences helping local governments with fire and flood preparation. Fred is a Contract Manager for the Canoe Procurement Group. He has over 20 years of experience consulting with various levels of government and industrial markets, specializing in emergency and disaster response, tendered contracts, and vendor programs.

April 11 12pm-1:00pm [Register now](#)

Amplifying Climate Awareness

April 24, 2024 – 10:00am – 11:00am (AST) through zoom

NSFM is pleased to bring you the following Webinar. This Webinar is free to all NSF/Canoe and AMANS Members.

Learn from the Canadian Centre for Climate Services and CLIMAtlantic about:

- Climate trends and projections for Nova Scotia
- A few of the many tools, resources, and services available to apply climate data in your own work
- Examples of what others are doing to adapt to climate change

Webinar attendees will have the opportunity to actively participate through interactive polling and a question period.

Presenters:

- Casey Clunas, Policy Analyst, Canadian Centre for Climate Services
- Frances Delaney, Policy Analyst, Canadian Centre for Climate Services
- Alex Cadell, Climate Services Specialist (Nova Scotia), CLIMAtlantic

[Register Here](#)

The Health Effects of Wildfire Smoke

Health Canada will present a webinar about the health effects and protective measures related to wildfire smoke. The one-hour discussion will be led by Maureen Robinson, regional air quality and health specialist for the Atlantic region. Topics will include the Air Quality Health Index, protection of indoor spaces, actions to limit personal exposure, health risk communication, setting up cleaner air spaces,

Date: May 8 @ 2 pm [Register Here](#)

EAP for Elected Officials: Recording

Did you miss the recent webinar presented by NSFM and AMANS on the **EAP for Elected Officials**? The webinar discussed how to access and navigate the programs and services offered and provided an overview of the new website and app. The program features an extensive number of tools and resources of benefit to elected leaders. You can view the webinar here.

FEATURED

SAVE THE DATE



Committee Update

The **Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, & Heritage (CCTH) and public libraries** will partner to develop recommendations to inform government on funding for the next five years. These recommendations will ensure the sustainability and relevance of public libraries. Funding for public libraries is cost-shared by the Province, municipalities, and regional library boards. To ensure that the process is inclusive and representative, a Library Funding Review Committee has been established and meetings will commence in April. A communications plan will be developed to inform stakeholders on committee activities and recommendations.

More information: Lynn.Somers@novascotia.ca

RESOURCES

[Winter Municipal Observer](#)

The magazine for the **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities**

[Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The digital edition of the **Spring/Summer Atlantic Municipal Magazine** is now available. This magazine is a collaborative effort between NSFM and our partner organizations in New Brunswick, PEI, and Newfoundland & Labrador. Copies of the magazine should be arriving at your municipal office soon.



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