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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

Join us for the 2024 NSFM Spring Conference in beautiful Baddeck!

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the conference website, where full program and registration details are found.

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Session Spotlight: Municipal Climate Change Adaptation Frontrunners

An enlightening session featuring three municipalities at the forefront of climate change adaptation in NS. Town of Mahone Bay, Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM), and the Municipality of the District of Digby will showcase innovative approaches and initiatives to address the impacts of climate change on their communities.

[Read More](#)

NEWS

[CBRM Asks for Help with Abandoned Buildings](#)

[CBRM Officials Upset Being Left Out of Big Rail Decisions](#)

[Lunenburg Declares Public Land Surplus Plans](#)

[Meat Cove Eclipse Magic](#)

[MoDL Readies Coastal Protection Plans](#)

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Session: Offshore Wind Development

- What: Mayors, Wardens, & CAOs Call
- Topic: Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development
- Date: Wednesday April 24
- Time/Location: 5 pm-6 pm Online
- Presentation: The Committee will be presenting on the Interim Report

In 2022, the federal Ministers of Environment and Natural Resources and the provincial Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables established a Committee to conduct a Regional Assessment of offshore wind energy development in NS. The goal of the committee is to “provide information, knowledge and analysis regarding future offshore wind development activities in the Study Area and their potential effects, in order to inform and improve future planning, licensing, and impact assessment processes for these activities in a way that helps protect the environment and health, social, and economic conditions while also creating opportunities for sustainable economic development.” Consultations have taken place throughout 2023 and 2024.

- More Information can be found [here](#)
- Register in advance for this meeting [here](#)

Engagement Opportunity

Transport Canada’s Navigation Protection Program is conducting a legislative review of the [Canadian Navigable Waters Act](#) (CNWA) and invites participation. We are interested to hear suggestions regarding potential enhancements to the Act or recommendations on refining its implementation. Feedback can be provided on the [discussion paper](#). Virtual meetings can be arranged.

- Deadline: May 5
- More information, contact: TC.CNWAreview-ExamenLENC.TC@tc.gc.ca

High Risk Communities: Wildfire Ready Report

Blair Feltmate and Luisa Currie from the Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation wrote an article outlining the simple steps homeowners and communities can take to increase resilience against wildfires as noted in the [Wildfire Ready Report](#). It also

of the **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program**.

Low Carbon Leadership Conference

This interactive workshop-style conference will explore what municipalities and community leaders need to know to proactively plan for and action community and neighbourhood scale low and zero carbon projects in NS.

- June 25 9 am - 4:30 pm
- Inn on Prince, Truro
- \$25 +HST, includes continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments
- [Register here](#)

Presented by:

- NSFM
 - Province of NS LCC Program
 - FBM Architecture & Interior Design
- Planning together toward energy efficient neighbourhoods**

FUNDING

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.

This week:

- [Active Communities Fund](#) open
- [Build and Mobilize Foundational Wildland Fire Knowledge](#) open
- [Community Economic Development Fund](#) open
 - Information Session April 18 [register here](#)
- [Community Recreation Capital Grant](#) open
- [Environmental Damages Fund](#) not available in NS
- [Farm Credit Canada AgriSpirit Fund](#) can be used for fire departments
- New [Grant Finder](#) tool for CCTH funding, share with community groups
- [New rebates](#) for larger zero-emission vehicles
- [Planning Assistance Program](#) open
- Quest Canada [Pan-Atlantic Net-zero Community Accelerator Program](#)
- [Recreation Community Development Grant](#) open
- Tourism NS [Emerging Destinations Program](#) 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

Grounds Maintenance Program

From highway ditch care to greenspace maintenance, tractors to wide-area flail mowers, the [NSFM/Canoe Grounds Maintenance Program](#) has partnered with industry leaders to bring innovative solutions to landscaping challenges. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Fuel & Lubricants

Learn more about the [NSFM/Canoe Fuel & Lubricant Program](#) and how you can start saving money on your fuel and lubricant purchases. This program provides fuel and lubricants from coast to coast and has the provision of third-party fuel and oil testing. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Importance of Supplier Performance in Procurement

Modern supply chains are more dynamic, robust, and complex than ever before, with many organizations increasingly relying on third-party suppliers. Considering the vital role suppliers play in success, it is essential to monitor, evaluate, and collaborate with suppliers to ensure they are meeting your needs. This is why supplier performance monitoring is important to your organization's continued success. [This article from bids&tenders](#) dives into the importance of why supplier performance is important in procurement and outlines strategies that can help track supplier success. The article is provided by the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**.

Tips: How to Save Money on Insurance

shaved back, everyone is trying to keep some extra dollars in their wallet. Trying to save money in different areas of your budget? Look over your insurance policies. [Tips on how to save money on your insurance.](#)

Did you know that you can receive exclusive insurance discounts on your personal home and auto insurance through BrokerLink's group insurance program? [More information.](#)

When a BrokerLink group member requests a quote on car or home insurance between January 1 and December 31 they will be entered to win 1 of 4 cash prizes of \$5,000. Learn more at www.BrokerLink.ca/contest-rules

Contact BrokerLink: 1.833.998.3798 or BrokerLink.ca/municipalities-NS
BrokerLink is a program partner of NSFM.

GoodLife Fitness Discount Program

Municipal employees and elected officials can access the GoodLife Fitness Discount Program. Features include:

- 30% corporate discount off club pricing
- access to professionally trained staff
- no enrollment fees
- all municipal employees and elected officials are eligible for this program
- you do not need to be an AMANS member

Visit our [NEW](#) website for more information on the [GLF Membership Discount Program](#). To register for the program or obtain more information, contact mbower@amans.ca

WEBINARS

Amplifying Climate Awareness

April 24 @ 10 am

NSFM is pleased to present a free one-hour webinar for all members. Learn from the Canadian Centre for Climate Services and CLIMAtlantic about:

- Climate trends and projections for Nova Scotia
- Tools, resources, and services available to apply climate data in your own work
- Examples of what others are doing to adapt to climate change
- Participate through interactive polling and a question period

Presenters:

- Casey Clunas, Canadian Centre for Climate Services
- Frances Delaney, Canadian Centre for Climate Services
- Alex Cadel, CLIMAtlantic
- [Register here](#)

Webinar: The Canoe Method of Procurement

The **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program** presents the following one-hour webinar: **The Canoe Way**. Join us for this informative session on group procurement as Tony De Sciscio shares valuable insights on the benefits of Canoe Procurement.

Tony is a Contract Manager for the Canoe Procurement Group, supporting supplier relationships in Eastern and Atlantic Canada. With over two decades of experience in procurement and supply chain management, Tony has honed his skills in public and non-profit group purchasing, mobile and industrial power solutions, and tier 2 auto manufacturing sectors.

- May 2 @ 12 noon
- [Register here](#)

Webinar: The Health Effects of Wildfire Smoke

Health Canada will present a one-hour 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, considerations for sports and outdoor activities, and where to find the latest Health Canada resources.

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

Webinar Recording: Home & Auto Insurance

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.](#)

Webinar Recording: HR OnCall

Did you miss our webinar on **HR OnCall**? NSFM in partnership with HR OnCall offers HR support for municipal units in Nova Scotia. This webinar discusses how you can access a dedicated team of professionals that can help guide you through the challenges of leading people and building an HR infrastructure with HR OnCall. This webinar also explains how the program works, how access works, and how you can benefit from HR guidance, expert consultation, reduce risk, gain peace of mind, and save time and money. [Click Here.](#)

Webinar Recording: Connecting Climate & Biodiversity

Joanna Eyquem, Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation, recently presented on the topic of Connecting Climate and Biodiversity. The presentation discussed how municipalities are getting ready for the increase in extreme weather events. You can listen to the webinar [here](#). The Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation is an education partner of the **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program**.

Webinar Recording: EAP for Elected Officials

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

Open House Dates: Offshore Wind Development

Learn about the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in NS, get answers to questions and share thoughts. Sessions are 5 pm-7:30 pm. Refreshments available.

- April 22 - Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre
- April 25 - The Simon Hotel, Sydney
- May 9 - Club des retraités de Chéticamp

More information, contact: OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

Provincial Career Fair

The NS Health provincial career fair enables visitors to discover a career or volunteer opportunity that improves healthcare in your community. Connect directly with hiring managers, match skills and interests with the department, and share resumes quickly using a QR code at one of 11 locations across the province.

- Date: April 26
- Time: 10 am-7 pm
- Click [here](#) for more information

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



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