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Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIESHappy Natal Day to Annapolis Royal and
Halifax Regional Municipality

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Update on Second Collective Agreement for RCMP Members and Reservists

The CMC Secretariat has announced that the [second collective agreement](#) for RCMP Regular Members (below the rank of Inspector) and Reservists was signed on June 24, 2024. Municipalities, provinces, and territories that contract RCMP police services should be aware that the provisions related to payment and financial planning remain unchanged. Financial estimates, including retroactive amounts from this agreement, will be provided through regular reporting cycles and billed accordingly. This retroactive payment does not affect amounts from the first round of collective bargaining. For further details, please contact your divisional representatives.

Emergency Preparedness: Persons with Disabilities & Older Adults

The Accessibility Directorate is pleased to invite you to an upcoming virtual panel discussion for public sector bodies around emergency preparedness for individuals with disabilities and older adults. This session will include panelists from a wide range of organizations who will share their expertise with the goal to increase knowledge and understanding on the topic of emergency management and preparedness for persons with disabilities and older adults. Promising practices and information on how to take action at the local level will be discussed.

- **Date:** Wednesday August 21
- **Time:** 1:30 pm-3:30 pm
- **Register** and advise on any accessibility supports [here by August 7](#)
- More info or interested in being a panelist, **contact:** Ashley.Gaudet@novascotia.ca
- **Website:** <https://novascotia.ca/accessibility/>

Local Government Certification

New programs and certification in local government are available through Dalhousie University.

- [Website](#)
- **More information:** Erin.Careless@dal.ca

NEWS

[Alert system should have been used sooner for missing senior, says Baddeck official](#)
[Bridgewater to host seminar anyone planning to run in municipal elections](#)
[Chester walks back proposed density increase to village core](#)
[Development halted in Baddeck after sewer, water infrastructure overwhelmed](#)
[Hydrogen industry announcement in Port Hawkesbury](#)
[Lunenburg gearing up to host 2024 Mobility Cup. But will it be accessible enough?](#)
[New upgrades for more inclusive park in Antigonish](#)
[Non-profit worried Glace Bay youth centre will come with unaffordable tax bill](#)
[Province Provides Financial Support to an Inclusive and Accessible Playground to be named After Former Westville Councillors Meghan Bragg](#)
[Work to protect Chignecto Isthmus going too slowly, say local politicians](#)

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.

- The Canada Public Transit Fund has been announced. There are three streams:

- o [Metro-Region Agreements \(Open for EOJ\)](#)
- o [Baseline Funding \(Open for EOJ\)](#)
- o [Targeted Funding](#) comprised of the current [Zero Emission Transit Fund \(Open\)](#), [Rural Transit Solutions Fund \(Open\)](#) and [Active Transportation Fund](#)
- [Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program](#) has re-opened
 - o Information sessions available
- New [Canada Community-Building Fund](#) agreement
 - o \$318 million in allocation-based funding for communities over the next five years
- [Housing Accelerator Fund](#) has re-opened for previous applicants to re-apply
- [Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Program](#) has re-opened
- [Access to Justice in Both Official Languages Support Fund](#) is open
- National Anti-Racism Fund, [Event and Youth Initiative Grant](#) is open

FCM Funding Opportunities

FCM has you covered with the right type of project funding. Grants are available for planning, studies, and pilot projects. Loans are available for capital projects and most recipients receive an additional grant of up to 15% of their loan amount [More information](#)

PROGRAMS

Safety First with Flatbeds

The inclusion of [backup alarms and flashing beacons on flatbed trucks](#), is a prime example of safety-focused customization. Learn how **Expertec's** customized safety solutions for flatbed trucks ensure maximum safety and efficiency in diverse work environments. [Learn more](#) about extending the commitment beyond well-known accessories into a range of considerations that cater to the specific challenges posed by different work environments. **The NSFMC/Canoe Fleet Upfitting Program** works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Next Generation 911

When someone calls 911 in Canada, the caller uses a device to place the call. That device is connected to a wired or wireless originating network. The originating network then passes the call to the 911 service provider. Avaya provides solutions for processing 911 calls at two points within this ecosystem. Avaya supports the call centres that answer the calls and the communication systems that may originate the 911 call. Learn more about the changes coming in this [911 Fact Sheet](#) and learn how [Toronto Fire](#) made history with Avaya, migrating to an NG911 solution. Avaya is a partner of the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**.

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](#)

HR OnCall from People First HR

Did you miss our webinar on the **HR OnCall**? NSFMC 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](#)

- [Click here for the NSFMC Subscription](#)
- [Click here for HR OnCall Service Options](#)
- [Click here for HR OnCall FAQs](#)

Tips: How to Save Money on Insurance

We are all looking for ways to be savvier about how we are spending our money these days. Whether cutting back on eating out or looking at what household expenses could be shaved back a little, everyone is trying to keep some extra dollars in their wallet. Trying to save money in different areas of your budget? It is a good idea to also 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? BrokerLink is proud to provide quality insurance products, expertise, and solutions to our sector. [More information.](#)

Park'N Fly Discount

The **NSFM/Park'N Fly Discount Program** is now available for elected municipal leaders and municipal staff within the broader municipal sector. Under this program, you can receive an exclusive discount on the services of Park'N Fly for business or leisure travel at their Halifax Stanfield International Airport location and at six other locations across Canada.

With a network that spans coast-to-coast, Park'N Fly is focused on providing customers with cost-effective parking options while enjoying a park happy experience every stay. Reserve your next stay and save. Plus, earn valuable Aeroplan points on every eligible stay. **Park'N Fly offers a discount of up to 20% on airport parking.** [More information.](#)

GoodLife Fitness Discount

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

WEBINARS

Unlock Funding for EV Infrastructure with ZEVIP

The [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#), in conjunction with program partners **Petro Service Limited** and **Flo** invite you to attend the following one-hour webinar. Are you looking to accelerate EV adoption? The last round of Natural Resources Canada's **Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP)** is here with a limited application window. Learn how to access funding at 50% of the total EV project costs (up to \$5 million per project)

- EV Chargers must be in Canada, comply with local codes, and be commercially available
- Level 2 AC Chargers (3.3 kW to 19.2 kW): Up to \$5,000 per connector
- DC Fast Chargers (20 kW and above): Up to \$100,000 per charger
- Learn how municipalities, utilities, and not-for-profits can apply

Date: August 19 @ 2 pm

Register [here](#)

The Canoe Way: Recording

NSFM and **Canoe Procurement Group** recently hosted a webinar outlining Canoe's operations and its role in public procurement, how suppliers can find opportunities with Canoe, details about Canoe's RFP process, compliance requirements, the benefits for both members and suppliers, and the support provided to approved suppliers post-contract award. Missed the webinar? The [recording](#) and [presentation slides](#) are now available to view.

Disaster Contingency Planning: Recording

NSFM and **Canoe Procurement Group** recently hosted a webinar providing insight on preparedness and effective disaster response strategies. The link between droughts, wildfires, and floods was explored. The value of proactive disaster preparedness and simple yet effective measures, including leveraging community resources, proper sandbag filling, storage for flood emergencies, and building key relationships with relevant stakeholders was discussed. Missed the webinar? You can view the webinar [here](#).

RESOURCES

[Summer Municipal Observer](#)

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

[Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

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



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