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Monday Memo



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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Invitation to Community Group Leaders

The Nova Scotia Guard invites community group leaders to join one of five online information sessions to learn about collaborating during emergencies. The sessions will cover the Guard's role, how community groups can contribute, and registration details.

Session Dates:

- Wed, Aug 14: 6:30 – 8:00 pm [Register here](#)
- Fri, Aug 23: 12:00 – 1:30 pm [Register here](#)
- Thu, Sep 12: 6:00 – 7:30 pm [Register here](#)
- Thu, Sep 19: 10:00 – 11:30 am [Register here](#)
- Thu, Sep 26: 1:00 – 2:30 pm [Register here](#)

Registration is required. All sessions will be held via Microsoft Teams.

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

[Insurance claim tally for last year's floods, wildfires in Nova Scotia: \\$490 million Lunenburg gearing up to host 2024 Mobility Cup. But will it be accessible enough? Mom wants quicker reform on disaster preparations, one year after son died in flood Nova Scotia municipalities differ on how to handle people in RVs Shelburne receives \\$2.5M from province for three infrastructure projects Should heat waves be named? Tourism looking strong in N.S.](#)

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:
 - [Metro-Region Agreements](#) (Open for EOI)
 - [Baseline Funding](#) (Open for EOI)
 - 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
 - Information sessions available
- New [Canada Community-Building Fund](#) agreement
 - \$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 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

Solar Solutions for Municipalities

The [NSFM/Canoe Traffic Supply Program](#) enables municipalities to partner with major sign suppliers to ensure members get the signage they need at a competitive price and always trade compliant.

Solar lighting for pathways, parks, streets, and trails, are solutions that maximize time and money on trending and wiring. ATS Traffic works with municipalities across Canada to design and implement sustainable, solar-powered solutions to promote mobility for vulnerable road users and active transportation. [See the latest content from ATS Traffic](#) to learn how solar bollards & luminaries can help make your community's public spaces safe, accessible, and sustainable. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Firefighting Apparatus Program

Emergency responders are at the forefront of critical operations and safety during wildfires is paramount. Through the **NSFM/Canoe Firefighting PPE Program**, access top-quality protective equipment that keeps responders safe, at preferred pricing, including bunker gear, hoods, helmets, boots, gloves, and more. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.** [Learn more](#)

Staples Professional: Office Solutions

Through the [NSFM/Canoe Office Supplies Program](#), Staples Professional offers solutions for almost any need, featuring competitive pricing and sustainable options. Learn more about [first aid kit solutions](#). This program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Preferred Insurance Rates for Elected Leaders & Staff

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.

[Click here](#) to learn about the program benefits and how BrokerLink can provide you with a **free, no-obligations insurance quote**. Thinking about travelling soon? [Travel Tips & Insurance](#).

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.](#)

Advisors, Vendors, and Education

Are you familiar with the Learning Development Supply Arrangement (LDSA) or Flextrack? Did you know that municipalities can take advantage of the province's standing offer for services in a variety of areas.

Need advice or expertise on topics such as DEI, mindfulness, decision making, or conflict management? The **LDSA** can provide you with a list of course information and available vendors that have an established standing offer with public service bodies.

Flextrack can provide a list of vendors for a variety of service areas which municipalities can contact and award either directly or through a statement of work process. Service areas include learning development, managed business services, and executive search.

Both of these initiatives are approved for use by public service bodies in NS. For more information, please contact staci.macaskill@novascotia.ca or visit [here](#).

WEBINARS

Connecting Climate & Biodiversity: Recording

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**.

NSFM and **Canoe Procurement Group** recently hosted a webinar highlighting the importance of a well-structured procurement policy and regular training on procurement efficiency. Did you miss this event designed for municipal staff involved in seeking enhanced procurement compliance, efficiency, and innovation? You can view the webinar [here](#).

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](#)

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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