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## Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
OF MUNICIPALITIES

### 2024 NSFM FALL CONFERENCE

#### SAVE THE DATE!

The **2024 NSFM Fall Conference** will be held **November 26-29** at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax. **[Check your inbox for accommodation information coming out later this week.](#)** You won't want to miss our keynote speaker **Jon Montgomery**, who will be speaking on Innovation and Realism. Jon is an Olympic gold medalist from 2010 and host of The Amazing Race Canada.

**[Read Jon's bio here.](#)**



Watch for more information and registration coming out early in September!

### 2024 LONG SERVICE AWARDS

#### Apply Now for the 2024 Long Service Awards

NSFM is pleased to continue the **Long Service Awards Program**, recognizing dedication to municipal service, honouring commitment and dedication of elected officials who have served on Council for a minimum of ten years, and celebrating the invaluable contributions of leaders across several categories (10 plus to 40 plus years of service).

- Each award will only be presented once per category
- Awards will no longer be presented at the NSFM conference
- Award certificates will be prepared and sent to respective municipalities for local presentation
- To recognize eligible elected officials complete [THIS FORM](#)
- **Deadline for form submission: September 6**
- Note: NSFM does not keep records of years of service; recognition certificates will be based on the forms received

### NEW & NOTEWORTHY

#### Library of Municipal Interests

The Library of Municipal Interests is a digital platform for anyone interested in monitoring advocacy requests in five key areas: **Climate Change, Equity & Community Wellbeing, Municipal Infrastructure, Municipal Autonomy, and Public Safety**. Easily access the latest information and track committee progress on advocacy concerns submitted by municipalities. [Click Here to View](#)

#### New CEO at PVSC

Scott Farmer has been appointed as the new CEO of PVSC. [Click Here](#) for more information.

#### Net-Zero Research Opportunity for Small Communities

[QUEST Canada](#) is researching the motivations and barriers to net-zero in rural and remote communities under 30,000 population. Participants must provide access to energy and climate plans and join interviews and a workshop.

Contact Gemma Pinchin: [gpinchin@questcanada.org](mailto:gpinchin@questcanada.org)

#### Invitation to Community Group Leaders

The Nova Scotia Guard invites community group leaders to join one of four 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. **Registration is required. Session Dates:**

- August 23: [Register here](#)
- September 12: [Register here](#)
- September 19: [Register here](#)
- September 26: [Register here](#)

[A Halifax community bulldozed a generation ago may be reclaimed](#)  
[Halifax council candidate says homelessness a big issue for voters](#)  
[Lawsuit against Nova Scotia for flood response calls boy's death 'preventable'](#)  
[N.S. government seeks consultant to craft sample bylaws for coastal protection](#)  
['We're on a world stage.' Mayor of Yarmouth on CMA 2024](#)

## FUNDING

### Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The NSFJ 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.

- [Atlantic Salmon Conservation](#) now open
- [New Horizons for Seniors Program- Community-Based Projects](#) now open
- [National Housing Strategy Demonstrations Initiative](#) now open
- [Clean Fuels Fund](#) extended until 2029-30. RFPs anticipated by end of 2024
- Canada Public Transit Fund streams:
  - [Metro-Region Agreements](#) (Open for EO)
  - [Baseline Funding](#) (Open for EO)
- [Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program](#) has re-opened
  - Information sessions available
- [Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Program](#) has re-opened

### 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

### NSFM/Canoe Keeps Your Fleet Moving

The [NSFM/Canoe Auto Parts Program](#) partners with [NAPA Auto Parts](#) to make your budget go further. NAPA has products designed for both small and large fleet customers with the most extensive coverage in the automotive aftermarket. A national team of fleet specialists are available to support you and your fleet with inventory support, cost analysis, and reporting to ensure that you always understand your spend and where it's going. [NAPA specials this month!](#) The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Safe School Zones

The **NSFM/Canoe Traffic Supply Program** enables municipalities to partner with major traffic sign suppliers, such as ATS. School zones are busy with on-going traffic at crucial times of the day. To optimize the safety of all road users, you need to maximize motorist compliance by keeping everyone alert. Carmanah R829-MX school zone beacons do exactly that by making the vital elements of a school zone atmosphere hard to miss. [Build an MXSeries School Zone System today and keep your school zones safer.](#) The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### NSFM/Canoe Drone Program

The **NSFM/Canoe Drone Program** offers you access to innovative technology that can help you from the air, under water, and from other difficult-to-reach places. 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 NSFM/Canoe Drone Program](#)

### NSFM/Canoe Furniture

With the **NSFM/Canoe Furniture Program**, you get access to furniture designers and manufacturers recognized as experts in their fields, ensuring some of the best commercial furniture available. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.** [NSFM Canoe Furniture Program information](#)

### Insurance Tips: Understanding Your Policy

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. [More information.](#)

Reviewing and understanding an insurance contract is very important. As an insured, you should have a clear grasp on how your insurance policies work and what they contain. Whether buying personal or business insurance, there are a few key reasons why understanding your policy is necessary. Please refer to our [Tips on Deciphering Your Insurance Policy.](#)

### 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,

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](#)

## WEBINARS

### Unlock Funding for EV Infrastructure with ZEVIP

The [NSFM/Cango 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

**You can still register [here](#)**

### 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 [here](#).**

The **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation** is an education partner of the **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program**.

### Preparing for Climate Risk

**Blair Feltmate** discusses climate resilience with Todd Veinotte on 95.7 News Radio in Halifax, addressing how homeowners can safeguard their assets and what provinces and municipalities can do to improve resilience. **Listen to the interview [here](#).** The infographics Blair discusses can be accessed [here](#).

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## 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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