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# Monday Memo



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## 2024 NSFM FALL CONFERENCE

Leading with *Integrity*  
and *Vision*

NSFM Conference  
November 26th - 29th, 2024 • Halifax, NS

Our NSFM Fall Conference was a success!

THANK YOU &  
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR



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## New NSFM Board of Directors

### Congratulations to our New President & Board of Directors



#### Mayor Pam Mood

Elected our new Board President at the AGM during our Fall Conference.

And to see all the members of our new **Board of Directors** click the link below

[Board of Directors](#)

## Municipal Code of Conduct Training Sessions

### Registration: Municipal Code of Conduct Sessions

NSFM encourages all municipal elected officials to attend the in-person Code of Conduct training sessions scheduled for January 2025. These sessions offer **valuable supplementary information** on the Code of Conduct.

Please note that a **mandatory online training module** will be available in early 2025. Additional details on the online module will be provided in the coming weeks.

[Click here](#) to find the schedule and [click here](#) for your electoral region.

**Register today!**

[Cape Breton councillor wins election after her name is picked from a box](#)  
[Halifax urges people who need extra help in emergencies to join registry](#)  
[Over 100,000 people asked to conserve water due to low levels in Lake Major](#)  
[Penny Smith chosen as Shelburne warden for third time](#)  
[Port Hawkesbury council grappling with municipal plebiscite results](#)  
[Residents ask N.S. Supreme Court to overturn provincial approval development](#)  
[Wolfville doesn't have resources to deal with growing homeless problem, staff say](#)  
[Yarmouth to remove transit fees, add more stops](#)  
[Yarmouth town council recommends cull to curb deer problem](#)

## 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.

- [Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund](#) is open
- [National Crime Prevention Strategy](#) is open for municipal police services, boards or police commissions, and municipal and regional governments
- [Digital Content Marketing Program](#) for tourism is open
- [Codes Acceleration Fund](#) is open
- [Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Program](#), Anti-Racism Project stream is open
- [Wawanessa's Community Wildfire Prevention Grants](#) is open
- [Celebrate Canada funding program](#) is open
- Employer applications are now open for the [Indigenous Wage Subsidy Initiative](#).
- [Tremendous Communities](#) is open
- [Infectious Disease and Climate Change Fund](#) is open, closing soon
- [Canada Retraining and Opportunities Initiative](#) is open for communities experiencing mass lay off(s)

### 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

### Staples Professional: Facility Solutions

The [NSFM/Canoe Office Supply Program](#) is a one-stop shop for all office supplies. Staples Professional offers products that are Canadian-made and perfect for home or office use, the [Global Mirage](#) chair is a work from anywhere solution. This high value ergonomic chair is highly adjustable, and its clean design is perfect for any application. Available exclusively at Staples. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Tire Promotion for Municipalities

[Concerned about high tire costs?](#) From fleet to heavy equipment, and even including specialty uses, the [NSFM/Canoe Tire Program](#) has you covered for all your tire needs. Get quality, brand name tires for vehicles of any size, retread or brand new, fully trade compliant, and at the best pricing available in Canada. NSFM and Canoe partner with [Goodyear](#) and [Michelin](#) to deliver excellent pricing and service. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Keep Your Fleet Moving

The [NSFM/Canoe Auto Parts Program](#) partners with NAPA Auto Parts to make your budget go further. NAPA has programs 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 Promotion](#). The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Insurance Tips: Protect Your Home While Away

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.](#)

Going away and leaving your house for extended periods of time can be risky, especially if you do not take proper precautions. To keep your home safe and secure and the grinch out while you are away, refer to our guide on [How to Protect Your Home While You are Away](#).

### Park'N Fly Discount Program

The **NSFM/Park'N Fly Discount Program** is 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

## WEBINARS

### EAP for Elected Officials Program

While we often have the skills to manage our daily lives, unexpected challenges can arise that require additional support. Do you know what your Assistance Program covers and how to access its services? This webinar will provide an overview of program offerings, along with a live demonstration of the website and app. The Municipal Wellness Program is dedicated to fostering a culture of health and wellness for municipal employees and elected officials.

- December 4
- 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Register: [Here](#)

**Host:** Melanie Bower, Municipal Wellness Program Coordinator

**Facilitator:** Kerri Farrell, Customer Success Manager, TELUS Health

### 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**

### [Fall/Winter Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The magazine for the **Atlantic Region of Municipalities**



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