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## Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
OF MUNICIPALITIES

### Get Involved - Committee Opportunities 2025



#### Shape the Future of Nova Scotia Municipalities

Are you an elected municipal leader looking to make an impact? NSFM is now accepting applications for the 2025 Committee Opportunities!

Joining an NSFM Committee allows you to:

- Contribute to the direction of municipalities in Nova Scotia
- Share your expertise
- Build valuable connections
- Learn how committees operate

With 11 committees to choose from, there's a place for every interest, from infrastructure and climate change to equity and wellbeing.

[View Committees & Apply Today](#)

**Applications are due by:** January 10, 2025

Be a part of shaping the future of Nova Scotia's municipalities.

### NSFM Spring Conference Planning Committee

#### Seeking Spring Conference Planning Committee Members

Are you interested in helping form the program for the NSFM end of April Spring Conference taking place in Truro, NS? We are looking for four members to serve on the planning committee. NSFM staff takes care of all logistics. The planning committee works with staff to set the program and topics. Members serving on the committee are expected to attend the event and chair sessions. NSFM does not cover the cost of this attendance.

All planning meetings will be virtual with the first tentatively taking place mid-January.

If interested, please email Judy Webber, Director of Events and Member Development at [jwebber@nsfm.ca](mailto:jwebber@nsfm.ca) by **December 30th**.

### 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.

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

**Register today!**

## NEWS

[Cape Breton councillor wins election after her name is picked from a box](#)  
[Municipalities call on re-elected Houston government to revisit coastal protection](#)  
[Port Hawkesbury residents, council unhappy with Remembrance Day traffic](#)  
[Queens Provides More Info on water conservation efforts](#)  
[Richmond County hopes new code of conduct will eliminate previous issues](#)

## 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.

1. [Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund](#) is open
2. [Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund](#) open on December 16. Info sessions available
3. [Codes Acceleration Fund](#) info session, Dec 11, 11:00. Register [here](#)
4. [Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund](#) is open
5. [Offshore Wind Indigenous and Coastal Communities Grant Funding](#) is open
6. [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#) is now open
7. [Local Food Infrastructure Fund](#) will open on January 13
8. [Canada Summer Jobs](#) wage subsidy is open
9. Summer [Co-op](#) student app will open December 15
10. [Young Canada Works](#) is open
11. CCTH has opened several programs for 2025/2026. Info sessions available:

- [Community ACCESS-Ability Program](#)
- [Community Facility Improvement Program](#)
- [Connect2 Program](#)
- [Recreation Facility Development / Rink Revitalization Fund](#)

### 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 Equipment Rental

The [NSFM/Canoe Equipment Rental Program](#) gives you access to cost-effective ways to access a huge variety of tools. With a network of top suppliers and an extensive catalogue including everything from aerial lifts and power generators to pickup trucks and earthmoving vehicles, there is something for every need. [United Rentals](#) offers power and HVAC rental solutions. Whether facing an emergency or planning a project, United Rentals has the equipment to meet all your needs with an extensive catalog of industrial generators, power distribution panels, portable heaters, air conditioners, and more. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### NSFM/Canoe Facility Assessment

With diverse operations in multiple regions and locations, effectively managing your physical assets can sometimes seem overwhelming. With expert-approved suppliers, the [NSFM/Canoe Facility Assessment Program](#) provides the asset management expertise you need to operate efficiently. Each facility has unique characteristics, assessments should be customized to deliver relevant insights for strategic decisions. [Gordian](#), an approved supplier, offers tailored assessment options. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Winter Maintenance Equipment

Don't get left in the cold. When winter hits, reliable equipment built to tackle icy roads, heavy snowfalls, and freezing temperatures is needed. The [NSFM/Canoe Winter Maintenance Equipment Program](#) has you covered with plows, sanders, snowblowers, and more, all sourced from top suppliers at preferential rates. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Insurance Tips: Protecting Your Information

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

Sharing information online can be fun, especially on social media where you want to keep your friends and family updated with what is going on in your life. Always be careful what, how much, and with whom you share. Please refer to our tips on [Cybersecurity and Protecting Your Data](#).

### Park'N Fly Discount

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 across Canada. 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

### Home & Auto Insurance: Recording

Did you miss our webinar on the **NSFM Personal Home & Auto 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. 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.](#)

### Contract & Procurement Fraud: Recording

Did you miss the recent session presented by the **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program** on Contract & Procurement Fraud? The webinar, presented by Régina MacInnis and Rey Richards from the province's Internal Audit Centre discussed the knowledge and skills necessary to identify, prevent, and mitigate fraudulent activities within operational realities. Access the [slide deck](#) and listen to the [webinar](#).

## 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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