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## Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
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### Municipal Autonomy Committee – Call for Applications

#### Shape the Future of Municipal Decision-Making!

**NSFM's Municipal Autonomy Advisory Committee** is seeking passionate municipal leaders to help empower municipalities through improved discretion, capacity, and collaboration. This committee will tackle critical issues such as advocating for legislation that supports regional planning and modernizing the MGA and HRM Charter.

#### Who Should Apply?

Elected officials or municipal staff with insights into the opportunities and challenges related to municipal decision-making are encouraged to apply.

#### How to Apply:

Submit a brief statement highlighting your skills, qualifications, and how your participation would benefit the committee to [wpetite@nsfm.ca](mailto:wpetite@nsfm.ca).

Click [here](#) for information on NSFM's other committee opportunities.

### NSFM Spring Conference Planning Committee

#### Seeking Spring Conference Planning Committee Members

Are you interested in helping form the program for the NSFM Spring Conference taking place in Truro? 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

#### ATTENTION: Municipal Code of Conduct Training – Secure Your Spot Now!

Time is of the essence! **NSFM urges all municipal elected officials and village commissioners** to register for the upcoming **in-person Code of Conduct training sessions** taking place in **January 2025**. These sessions are a critical opportunity to gain essential knowledge and clarity on the updated Code of Conduct – insight that will support you in your role as a municipal leader.

**⚠️ Don't Miss This Mandatory Requirement:** An **online training module** will be launched in early February, as mandated for all elected officials & village commissioners. Further details will be shared soon, but these in-person sessions provide crucial supplementary information you won't want to miss.

[View the Training Schedule](#)

[Find Your Electoral Region](#)

**🕒 Register Now – To Secure Your Spot! [Register Here](#)**

### NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Please see below for the following job opportunity for the **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities**:

Position: Flood Adaptation Facilitator  
 Deadline: January 10, 2025  
 Posting Details: [Click here](#)

### Accessibility Directorate Update

The [Accessibility Directorate](#) will be works collaboratively with other departments and organizations to share news, events, resources, and opportunities:

- Accessibility Plan templates can be found at the [Accessibility Directorate website](#)
- Images on disability data can be found at the [Resource Hub](#)
- Learn more about the accessibility and the Halifax Public Libraries by reading their [Accessibility Plan](#)
- [Questionnaire](#) for Voices of Inclusion: Oral Histories of Indigenous Disability
- Visit the [News and Events webpage](#) and [share your news with us](#)
- More information: [accessibility@novascotia.ca](mailto:accessibility@novascotia.ca)

## NEWS

[Bridgewater Rolls out free parking and transit for the Holidays](#)  
[Cape Breton investigating last year of municipal credit card transactions](#)  
[Community hub coming to St. Peter's will 'bring life' into rundown building](#)  
[Federal government commits more than \\$5M to Kings Transit Authority in NS](#)  
[Former Halifax Deputy Mayor hired as Queens Municipal Clerk](#)  
[Mood to advocate for municipalities as NSFM president](#)  
[Motion to scrap designated encampment sites defeated in narrow Hfx. council vote](#)  
[Municipalities welcome provincewide code of conduct, but not without questions](#)  
[New Barrington Street transit terminal to open Dec. 16](#)

## 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
- [Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund](#) info sessions available
- [Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund](#) is open
- [Offshore Wind Indigenous and Coastal Communities Grant Funding](#) is open
- [Wildfire Community Preparedness Day](#) is now open
- [Local Food Infrastructure Fund](#) will open on January 13
- [Canada Summer Jobs](#) wage subsidy is open
- Summer [Co-op](#) student app open
- [Young Canada Works](#) is open
- 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

### 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.**

### Fitness Supply

Procuring fitness equipment can be a marathon of work. Through the [NSFM/Canoe Fitness Supply Program](#), your municipal unit has access to plenty of options and sources to assist with your gym or recreation facilities need. The program provides a simplified process at best-value pricing and works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Fireproof Your Organization

Your emergency responders are at the forefront of some of your most critical operations and keeping them safe is critical. Through the [NSFM/Canoe Firefighting PPE Program](#), municipalities get preferred pricing on some of the best protective

- Firefighting PPE, apparel, and accessories
- Cleaning maintenance equipment
- 24/7 online ordering with no minimum order
- Pre-paid freight on orders shipped via ground
- Same-day shipping on 99% of in-stock items
- KeepStock inventory management solution
- Distributor Alliance Small Business Program
- Contact: [katrina.king@grainger.ca](mailto:katrina.king@grainger.ca)

The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support.

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### NSFM Municipal Group Insurance

NSFM offers a comprehensive and flexible commercial, D&O, and liability insurance program so that municipal units are able to effectively meet the needs of their citizens. The advantages of the program are best explained by the municipal units participating in the NSFM program:

- Benefit of being part of a larger group
- Communication with fellow municipalities
- Economies of scale
- Insurance provided through a municipal lens
- Not having to tender and plan the program oneself
- Program tailored to small, medium, and large municipalities

The NSFM program offers value-added education around relevant insurance topics. Have you evaluated your commercial insurance needs recently? Questions about the NSFM program? Contact [imorrison@nsfm.ca](mailto:imorrison@nsfm.ca)

### Insurance Tips: Worry Free Winter

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.](#)

We know that the only way to enjoy winter is to embrace it. We have put together some tips to help you have a worry-free winter. Refer to our guide on [Insurance Tips for a Worry Free Winter.](#)

### 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

### Municipal Flood Resilience in Action Training

Is your municipality prepared to address flood hazards like heavy rainfall, river flooding, and coastal erosion? Equip your team with practical tools and strategies through our Municipal Flood Resilience in Action Training.

- Assess and address flood risks using the Municipal Flood Risk Check-Up tool
- Prioritize flood risk actions tailored to your community's unique needs
- Incorporate equity into flood risk mitigation to protect vulnerable populations
- Access funding guidance for meaningful flood risk action
- Small & Medium Communities: January 23
- Coastal Communities: February 20
- Deadline to [register](#) is January 8

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

### 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.](#)

### 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.

## RESOURCES

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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