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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

LAUNCHED ADVISORY COMMITTEES

NSFM Advisory Committees Have Launched!

The NSFM [Climate Change Advisory Committee](#) is underway. Chaired by Councillor Kacy DeLong, the committee is seeking an additional elected official to assist with climate-related advocacy requests from the membership.

The [Municipal Infrastructure Committee](#) has also begun its work on the significant issue of local responsibility for the majority of infrastructure in our communities. Chaired by Deputy Warden Trevor Cunningham, the committee has openings for elected officials to participate.

If you have interest and experience with these important focus areas - please forward your name and a brief background to info@nsfm.ca.

Committees meet 4 times a year to review advocacy issues generated by you – the membership – as well as emerging municipal priorities related to other levels of government. Terms of Reference are available and stay tuned for additional updates via our website, newsletter, and member communications.

INVITING YOUR VALUABLE PERSPECTIVES

Your involvement Shapes the Success of our Events!

Soon the NSFM conference planning committees will gear up to shape the program content for our upcoming spring and fall conferences.

Your perspective matters! We invite members to contribute suggestions for topics that resonate with your professional development needs. Your insights are invaluable in crafting events that truly meet your expectations.

While we may only be able to accommodate a select few suggestions, rest assured that every input received will be thoughtfully reviewed. Any topics that don't make it to the main events will be considered for engaging webinars or future events.

Send topic suggestions via email directly to jwebber@nsfm.ca by **January 25**.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

NSFM Board of Directors By-Election

The **By-Election Nominations Committee** is now accepting nominations for the following positions:

One Regional Representative from each of the following NSFM Electoral Regions:

- Colchester/Cumberland/Pictou/East Hants
- Valley
- Southwestern Shore

Nominations will be accepted until February 5, and shall be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Nominations Committee by e-mailing info@nsfm.ca.

NEWS

[Councillors Mason, Smith won't reoffer in 2024 municipal election](#)

[Insured damage from severe weather exceeded \\$3.1B in 2023](#)

[Joint session of Guysborough County councils planned for spring](#)

[Residents plan march to New Glasgow town hall to protest long-term care home](#)

[Should insurers help customers build back better...or not at all?](#)

FUNDING

Unlock Financial Potential for Your Municipality's Empowerment

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.

[Marine Debris Clean-Up Program](#) deadline is Feb 1.
[Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Program](#) is open for continuous intake.
2024 AMANs [Municipal Wellness Grants](#) are open for applications, deadline Mar. 31.
[Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#) is now open for continuous intake.
The [Research and Knowledge Initiative](#) (for housing strategies and research) is open for applications, deadline Feb 9.

FCM Funding Opportunities

Stay up-to-date with funding opportunities through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). [Click here](#) to find more information.

PROGRAMS

Stop. Look. Read.

The **NSFM/Canoe Traffic Supply Program** enables municipalities to partner with major traffic sign suppliers to provide everything from the basic essentials to specific use equipment, this program ensures members get the signage they need at a competitive price and always trade compliant. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

[How the program works](#)

ATS Traffic is a traffic supply partner of NSFM/Canoe

[IRD - International Road Dynamics](#) | [Brands](#) | [ATS Traffic Product Catalog](#)

Municipal Climate Intern Program

Environmental Leadership Canada (ELC) is a non-profit that connects interns with an interest in politics and climate related issues to municipalities looking for project and policy support. The [program](#) is planned as a locally-focused, national-scale youth leadership development program that will offer outstanding individuals, aged 18-30, the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge in municipal climate issues, solutions, local decision-making processes, cohort-based leadership, and professional development. The program also provides critical capacity to help communities advance plans and projects to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

More information, contact anika@environmentalleadership.ca

Launch: Preferred Insurance Rates for Elected Leaders & Staff

NSFM is pleased to launch the following program for elected municipal leaders and municipal 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**. They will take the time to answer your questions and make sure you are prepared for any situation.

Eligibility:

- Municipal leaders
- Municipal staff
- Family members living in the same household, including spouse/common law spouse, dependents under the age of 21, or 25 (if attending a post secondary institution full time)
- Retirees

BrokerLink is a program partner of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities.

Sports Arena Supply

The **NSFM/Canoe Sports Arena Supply Program** provides access to supplies and services from the experts specifically for sporting facilities: flooring, ice conditioning, safety, inspections, and more. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.** [More information](#)

Strength In Numbers

Read how public procurement is evolving quickly, especially group purchasing programs, such as the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**. Thanks to the pandemic, an opportunity arose for procurement to gain more attention and a seat at the table. Canoe Procurement Manager, Stephanie Dion, shares her thoughts on the changes to public procurement in the [December issue of Supply Professional](#). The **Canoe/NSFM Procurement Program** works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. [More information](#)

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.** [More information](#)

Offshore Wind Development Info Sessions

The Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia Committee will be hosting the following upcoming public information sessions:

- **January 23** 4 pm- 7pm River Bourgeois
- **January 24** 4 pm- 7pm Chéticamp
- **January 25** 4 pm- 7pm New Glasgow

Learn more about the Regional Assessment, get answers to your questions, and share your thoughts. French sessions are available upon request.

Session location info: [Information Sessions \(aac-aeic.gc.ca\)](https://www.aac-aeic.gc.ca/Information_Sessions)

More info contact: OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@aac-aeic.gc.ca

WEBINARS

Webinar: Introduction to Canoe & Grainger

Learn more about the **NSFM/Canoe MRO Supply Program** and **Safety Equipment Program** with our partner **Grainger**. Some facts about Grainger:

- Canada's largest distributor of industrial, safety, and fastener products
- 500,000 active products online across 32 categories
- \$230 million in inventory across our distribution network
- 2 million maintenance, repair, and operating (MRO) products
- more than 30 million products through its expanding Endless Assortment offering
- strategically located branches, including a large location in Dartmouth
- comprehensive [webstore](#)

Grainger has the capability of servicing Nova Scotia communities with consistency and unparalleled product availability. Keep your municipal unit working and your people safe with services, solutions, technical support, and inventory management designed to provide value and save time and money.

The Canoe Procurement Group of Canada simplifies the way that you would make your purchases. This webinar refresher will also demonstrate how the Canoe program works, how it can provide you and your team with time and cost savings, and how you can access the services of Grainger.

Audience: Procurement, Public Works, Safety Directors, Fire Department leads

February 7 2:00 pm-3:00 pm (AST) [Register Here](#)

Fuel Management: Recording

The **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program** provides you with cost-effective, complaint purchasing options. If you missed the recent Gilbarco webinar, you can still access the recording. The webinar shares case studies on recent fuel management projects, provides details on new technology options coming to the market, and is offered courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#). To view the webinar, click [Gilbarco/Canoe Procurement Group | LAS](#)

RESOURCES

[Winter Municipal Observer](#)

The magazine for the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

[Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The magazine for Atlantic Canadian municipalities



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