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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

INVITATION TO NOMINATE

NSFM Board of Directors By-Election

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

One Regional Representative from each 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

[CBRM councillor says neighbours have concerns about planned shelters](#)

[CBRM council told \\$30M to renovate old courthouse to make new library](#)

[Housing minister warns against resistance to ending exclusionary zoning](#)

[Man charged in Barrington Lake fire, investigation continues in Tantallon fire](#)

[MODG property assessments, education taxes on the rise](#)

[N.S. court overturns rezoning for Pisiquid Canoe Club](#)

[New property assessments bring relief for some rebuilding after fire](#)

[Sidewalks coming to 17 rural HRM communities](#)

[Some homeowners in flood zones had property assessments increased](#)

[Town of Antigonish looking for feedback on EV chargers for pilot program](#)

FUNDING

Unleash Fiscal Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The **NSFM Funding Database** is centralized resource is 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**.

[Low Carbon Economy Challenge](#) has a deadline of Feb 8

[Garden Grant Program](#) is now open, deadline March 1.

[EcoAction Community Funding Program](#) is now open, deadline March 22

Municipalities are encouraged to apply in partnership with community groups

[Civil Forfeiture Grant Program](#) is now open for continuous intake

[Festival and Community Event Development](#) program now open, deadline Feb 28

[Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#) remains open for continuous intake

[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

NSFM/Canoe Facility Assessment

Effectively managing your municipality's 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. [Assessment Solutions/](#)

NEW: Preferred Insurance Rates for Elected Leaders & 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.

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

AMANS Launches New Wellness Website

AMANS has launched new [wellness website](#). Highlights include:

- **Streamlined Navigation:** Find what you need effortlessly
- **Fresh Design:** Modern look and feel for enhanced engagement
- **Rich Content:** Updated information and resources at your fingertips
- **User-Friendly Interface:** Intuitive features for a smoother browsing experience

More information, contact mbower@amans.ca

GoodLife Fitness Discount

Municipal employees and elected officials can access the [GoodLife Fitness Discount](#).

Features include:

- 30% corporate discount off club pricing
- Access to professionally trained staff, while receiving
- No enrollment fees
- All municipal employees and elected officials are eligible for this program. You do not need to be an AMANS member

Program registration info: mbower@amans.ca

LIFT Fitness

If your municipality or municipal unit is a subscriber to the **TELUS Health EAP program**, check out [LIFT Fitness](#)

Benefits:

- Full suite of FREE fitness offerings that make working out exciting, easy, and efficient
- Custom programs created by certified experts to help you reach your goals
- Live chat with experienced fitness professionals to help you every step of the way
- Just like working out at your gym or studio without ever stepping outside

More information, contact mbower@amans.ca

WEBINARS

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](#)

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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