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Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
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NEW & NOTEWORTHY

DMAH Municipal Campaign School

[Registration](#) now open for three interactive, in-person municipal campaign schools. Nova Scotians from underrepresented communities encouraged to participate!

Workshop Details:

- learn from diverse local councillors about the realities of the work
- gain knowledge on getting nominated, building a team, fundraising, and running a campaign
- practice networking, communication, and planning
- identify supports and resources available
- participants can be reimbursed for childcare
- sessions will be held between 10 am-4 pm

Date/Location: July 13 - Shelburne

More information: municipalelections@novascotia.ca

Community Partner Consultations

The Province is holding consultations with community partners to discuss feedback on proposed changes to the *Labour Standards Code* in relation to paid domestic violence leave. This consultation is intended to obtain feedback on proposed changes to the *General Labour Standards Code Regulations* to increase the number of paid days for domestic violence leave from three paid days to five paid days. A backgrounder is available, by request, in relation to proposed changes to address these issues. Feedback can be provided through written submissions or participation in a virtual meeting.

- **Deadline for feedback:** August 26
- **More information, questions, responses:** cynthia.yazbek@novascotia.ca

Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA)

The [“What We Heard” Report](#) for the CNWA legislative review is now available online. The report captures comments received during extensive consultation with Indigenous Peoples, stakeholders, and other orders of government across the country.

Following the “What We Heard” Report’s publication, the CNWA legislative review team will finalize its analysis of all comments received and develop the final recommendations. The analysis and recommendations will be reflected in the final report which is due to the Minister of Transport in August, after which it will be tabled in Parliament and then posted online in the fall.

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NEWS

[CBRM extends deadlines on proposed waterfront hotel at developer's request](#)
[CBRM sees movement on highway policing costs, but Justice Dept. begs to differ](#)
[Construction woes continue during peak season in downtown Sydney, N.S.](#)
[Halifax church in limbo again as HRM orders building closed for safety reasons](#)
[Living with wildfire: How to protect more homes as fire risk rises in a warming climate](#)
[More than 10 kms of trails to be built in Wolfville, N.S.](#)
[Most N.S. municipalities don't have bylaws on unfit rental conditions](#)
[Police on standby as CBRM council decides to delay controversial tow truck bylaw](#)
[Port Hawkesbury councillors vote to revert street redesign to push province on fixes](#)

FUNDING

Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The NSFMD 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.

- [Low Carbon Communities](#) EOI is extended to July 5.
- [Local Leadership for Climate Adaption](#) is open.
- [Energy Innovation Program- Renewable Energy Demonstration](#) is open for EOI.
- [Green Industrial Facilities and Manufacturing Program](#) is opening for municipally-owned utilities and wastewater treatment facilities.
- [Digital Museums](#) grants are open for 2024.
- [Intersectoral Action Fund](#) is open.

- Two delivery organizations are accepting applications for the [Science Horizons Youth Internship Program](#).
- [Recreation Trail Expansion](#) and [Off-Highway Infrastructure Fund](#) will open in September.

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

Solar Solutions for Municipalities

The [NSFM/Canoe Traffic Supply Program](#) enables municipalities to partner with major sign suppliers to ensure members get the signage they need at a competitive price and always trade compliant.

Solar lighting for pathways, parks, streets, and trails, are solutions that maximize time and money on trending and wiring. ATS Traffic works with municipalities across Canada to design and implement sustainable, solar-powered solutions to promote mobility for vulnerable road users and active transportation. [See the latest content from ATS Traffic](#) to learn how solar bollards & luminaries can help make your community's public spaces safe, accessible, and sustainable. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Firefighting Apparatus

Emergency responders are at the forefront of critical operations and safety during wildfires is paramount. Through the **NSFM/Canoe Firefighting PPE Program**, access top-quality protective equipment that keeps responders safe, at preferred pricing, including bunker gear, hoods, helmets, boots, gloves, and more. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.** [Learn more](#)

Grounds Maintenance

From highway ditch care to green space maintenance, tractors to wide-area flail mowers, the [NSFM/Canoe Grounds Maintenance Program](#) has partnered with industry leaders to bring innovative solutions to your landscaping challenges. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Pet Insurance

Did you know that you can receive exclusive insurance discounts on **pet 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. Did you know that over the past two years there has been an increase in **pet ownership**? Learn more about [pet insurance](#) and refer to tips on how to ensure your pets are safe and living their best life.

[Click here](#) to learn about the program benefits and how BrokerLink can provide you with a **free, no-obligations insurance quote**.

The Working Mind

The **Municipal Wellness Program** is committed to creating a culture of health and wellness for municipal employees and elected officials. **The Working Mind** is virtual and interactive training is designed to:

- increase awareness of mental health
- reduce stigma and other barriers to care in the workplace
- encourage mental health conversations
- more information: [Click Here](#)
- Cost: Members \$50; Non-Members \$75

Upcoming Sessions:

- [July 16](#) (for Employees)
- [July 18](#) (for People Leaders)
- [August 13](#) (for People Leaders)
- [August 15](#) (for Employees)

More information, contact: mbower@amans.ca

Park'N Fly Discount

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

With a network that spans coast-to-coast, Park'N Fly is focused on providing customers with cost-effective parking options while enjoying a park happy experience every stay. 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.](#)

A Sustainable Future for Your Fleet Vehicles: Recording

Navistar, a partner in the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**, offered a presentation on Navistar's current and future plans for fleet electrification and sustainable transportation. The recording of the webinar, courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#), is available at the following link:
[A Sustainable Future with Navistar - Canoe Procurement Group | LAS](#)

EAP for Elected Officials: Recording

Did you miss the recent webinar presented by NSFM and AMANS on the **EAP for Elected Officials**? The webinar discussed how to access and navigate the programs and services offered and provided an overview of the new website and app. The program features an extensive number of tools and resources of benefit to elected leaders. You can view the webinar [here](#).

Municipal Flood Risk Tool: Recording

Interested in learning more about the Municipal Flood Risk tool and how it can benefit municipalities? Listen to this interview with **Joanna Eyquem**, from the Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation [here](#).

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

RESOURCES

[Summer Municipal Observer](#)

The magazine for the **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities**

[Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The regional magazine for the **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities**



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