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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
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EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

NSFM Collaborates on Enhanced Emergency Alert System

The Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM) expresses our heartfelt condolences to all those affected by the recent flooding.

The NSFM and our members support an effective Emergency Alert System for residents across the province and welcome ongoing enhancements to ensure the safety of all Nova Scotians.

The Alert System is a central piece of a network of emergency response measures that municipalities access. All municipalities have an Emergency Management Organization (EMO), and the majority of municipalities collaborate as part of a Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO). These organizations coordinate services during emergencies, including severe weather events.

NSFM extends our gratitude to the first responders, volunteers, municipalities, staff and officials at all levels, and all others who are part of this coordinated response. We will continue to dialogue with the provincial government on the investments needed to improve emergency response.

When communities are left reeling from disasters, residents understandably look to elected leadership from all levels of government, to work together.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Updating Accessibility Plans

Since 2017, Nova Scotia has been committed to becoming more accessible, recognizing accessibility as a human right through the *Accessibility Act*. As part of this commitment, municipal units established Accessibility Advisory Committees and prepared accessibility plans by April 1, 2022.

- Each prescribed public sector body must update its plan every three years and make it publicly available by April 1, 2025
- Commitments should be reviewed and revised to ensure they are relevant, realistic, and achievable for the next three years
- New commitments are not necessary if the current ones remain realistic
- Support & resources: novascotia.ca/accessibility
- More information: dawn.stegen@novascotia.ca

Provincial Policing Survey

Nova Scotians are asked to share their opinions and perspectives about the current state of policing in the province, as well as their vision of what policing should look like in the future. The Department of Justice has launched an anonymous survey as part of the Province's comprehensive review of policing services. **You are encouraged to complete the [survey](#) and share. Survey deadline: July 31.**



Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate Program Launched in NS

Electrify Medium and Heavy-duty Zero Emission Vehicle (MHZEV) rebate program was [launched on April 2nd](#). Administered by [Clean Foundation](#) in partnership with the Province of Nova Scotia, this rebate program aims to help municipalities, organizations and businesses across Nova Scotia move forward with electrifying their fleets and helping meet their climate action goals.

For Details Visit: evassist.ca/rebates/mhzev/

Contact Information: electrify@cleanfoundation.ca or 1-877-522-1110

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

[Centennial Trail Bridge won't reopen until fall or later](#)
[Halifax council approves 9 new designated encampment sites for homeless](#)
[Nova Scotia announces funding for recreation facilities in Pictou County](#)
[N.S. launches survey seeking feedback on state of policing](#)
[Strait-area builder aiming for low rent on 2 new housing projects](#)
['These are really hard things to process,' premier says about death in flash flood](#)
[Town of Shelburne office moving to Mowatt Street](#)
['Water was up to my boots': residents look to recover after heavy rain, flash flood](#)

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.

- [Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Program](#) is open
- [Access to Justice in Both Official Languages Support Fund](#) is open
- National Anti-Racism Fund, [Event and Youth Initiative Grant](#) is open
- [Local Leadership for Climate Adaption](#) is open
- [Green Industrial Facilities and Manufacturing Program](#) is open
- [Digital Museums](#) grants are open for 2024
- [Intersectoral Action Fund](#) is open
- [Sustainable Jobs Stream - Canadian Apprenticeship Strategy - Union Training and Innovation Program](#) is open

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

Traffic Supply

Through the **NSFM/Canoe Traffic Supply Program**, municipalities can work with leading traffic sign suppliers to procure a comprehensive range of signage, from essential basics to specialized equipment. Municipalities can access the signage they need at competitive prices, while exceeding both compliance with industry standards. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.** [Learn more.](#)

NSFM/Canoe Supplier List: Updated

The program strives to continually provide a wide range of procurement options to members. Here is the latest [list of new suppliers and recently renewed contracts with current suppliers](#). Approved suppliers are selected through an open RFP process that follows a successful proposal evaluation and contract award. Do you need help finding cost-effective products and services and would you like to learn more about using [Canoe Procurement](#)? The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

NSFM/Canoe Keeps Your Fleet Moving

The **NSFM/Canoe Auto Parts Program** partners with NAPA Auto Parts to make your budget go further. NAPA has programs designed for both small and large fleet customers with the most extensive coverage in the automotive aftermarket. A national team of fleet specialists are available to support you and your fleet with inventory support, cost analysis, and reporting to ensure that you always understand your spend and where it's going. [Learn more!](#) The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

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.

[Click here](#) to learn about the program benefits and how BrokerLink can provide you with a **free, no obligations insurance quote**. Read about our tips for [Wildlife Road Safety](#). **Rest Assured, BrokerLink has you covered.**

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

WEBINARS

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](#).

Disaster Contingency Planning: Recording

NSFM and **Canoe Procurement Group** recently hosted a webinar providing insight on preparedness and effective disaster response strategies. The link between droughts, wildfires, and floods was explored. The value of proactive disaster preparedness and simple yet effective measures, including leveraging community resources, proper sandbag filling, storage for flood emergencies, and building key relationships with relevant stakeholders was discussed. Missed the webinar? You can view the webinar [here](#).

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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