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## Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
OF MUNICIPALITIES

### NEW & NOTEWORTHY

#### Member Meeting: NS Power

NSFM members are invited to join an online meeting with representatives from NS Power on Wednesday June 26 from 4-5 pm. Meeting topics:

- working with municipalities to manage vegetation management
- reliability commitment
- storm prep
- supporting community growth

**When:** June 26 from 4-5 pm

**Who:** Members of NSFM & CAO's

**How:** [Register Here](#)

#### 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](mailto:municipalelections@novascotia.ca)

### NEWS

[Call on province to reconsider development approvals in protected areas](#)

[Halifax, province insist they can't help Ocean Breeze Village tenants](#)

[Harsh winters put an end to Halifax palm tree experiment begun in 2018](#)

[Lunenburg considers using town land for new daycare centre](#)

[MODY to develop new housing strategy](#)

[Plan for New Glasgow seniors' centre scuttled for 2nd time after outcry](#)

[Tow truck operators in Cape Breton protest proposed bylaw outside city hall](#)

### 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.

[Green Industrial Facilities and Manufacturing Program](#) is open for both municipally-owned utilities and wastewater treatment facilities.

[Intersectoral Action Fund](#) is open.

[Digital Museums](#) grants open for 2024.

[Local Leadership for Climate Adaption](#) initiative is open.

[Equitable Access to Reading Program](#) is open for municipal libraries.

[National AccessAbility Week Funding](#) is open.

[Enabling Accessibility Fund- Small Project Component](#) is open.

- There are information sessions on June 26, 27, July 9, 10.

[Low Carbon Communities](#) is open for applications.

#### New funding opportunity: Intersectoral Action Fund

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is pleased to announce a new [funding opportunity with the Intersectoral Action Fund](#). Under the fund, PHAC is seeking proposals for upstream community-based projects that integrate health, equity and wellbeing considerations into local decision-making, and that promote positive change.

#### 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](#)

### Fleet Management

New vehicle additions, disposal of old inventory, fleet assessment, fuel tracking, vehicle budgeting guidance, and roadside assistance. Offered in collaboration with leading companies in the industry, the [NSFM/Canoe Fleet Management Program](#) provides solutions for every aspect of your fleet. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### NSFM/Canoe Facility Assessment

With diverse operations in multiple regions and locations, effectively managing your 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. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### NSFM/Canoe Supplier List: Updated

We strive to continually provide a wide range of procurement options to our membership. 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. This updated list will help keep members informed of changes. 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.**

### HR OnCall from People First HR

NSFM and AMANS have partnered with HR OnCall to offer municipal units, regardless of size or scope, expertise, and practical solutions to meet their human resource needs. NSFM members will receive a special program rate of \$60/month (\$720 annually) for the service. Gain access to best practices and advice for your HR inquiries when you need it.

- [Click here for the NSFM Subscription](#)
- [Click here for HR OnCall Service Options](#)
- [Click here for HR OnCall FAQs](#)

### 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**. Thinking about travelling soon? [Travel Tips & Insurance](#).

### Auto Insurance Tips: Wildlife Road Safety

Does your auto policy cover animal collisions? If your auto policy includes comprehensive insurance, then you are covered for animal collisions. This coverage typically includes damage to your car caused by events out of your control, such as collisions with animals. However, comprehensive auto coverage is not mandatory.

If you only have liability insurance, which primarily covers damage you cause others, you are generally not covered for animal collisions. Always ensure you talk with our insurance advisor and understand what type of coverage you have on your insurance policy. Read about our tips for [Wildlife Road Safety](#). **Rest Assured, BrokerLink has you covered.**

### Program Launch: 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](#)

### GoodLife Fitness Discount

Municipal employees and elected officials can access the **GoodLife Fitness Discount Program**. Features include:

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

Visit our [NEW](#) website for more information on the [GLF Membership Discount Program](#). To register for the program or obtain more information, contact [mbower@amans.ca](mailto:mbower@amans.ca)

### 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](#)

### Public Procurement: Recording

NSFM and Canoe Procurement Group recently hosted a webinar highlighting the importance of a well-structured procurement policy and regular training on procurement efficiency. Did you miss this event designed for municipal staff involved in seeking enhanced procurement compliance, efficiency, and innovation? You can view the webinar [here](#).

### Wildland Fire Prevention/Mitigation

The Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation contributed as reviewer of the new [Canadian Wildland Fire Prevention and Mitigation Strategy](#) from the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers. The strategy aligns with the main wildfire targets as set out in the National Adaptation Strategy:

- **Awareness:** By 2025, 60% of Canadians in areas of high fire risk are aware of the risks facing their household
- **Measures:** By 2025, 50% of Canadians have taken action to prepare for and respond to climate change risks facing their household
- **Plans:** Communities in high-risk zones develop community wildland fire prevention and mitigation plans by 2030, with up to 15% implemented by 2028

## 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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