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## Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
OF MUNICIPALITIES

## NSFM 2024 SPRING CONFERENCE

Future-Focused Municipalities:  
PIONEERING SOLUTIONS

May 8-10, Inverary Inn, Baddeck, NS

The 2024 NSFM Spring Conference will take place from May 8th – 10th at the Inverary Inn Resort in beautiful Baddeck, NS.

[CLICK HERE](#)


to access the conference website. The full program and registration details can be found on the site.

**Don't miss out on the early bird registration fee!**

The Planning Committee has put together a very exciting and informative program that you will not want to miss.

| REGISTRATION FEES:  | Before April 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 | April 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 and after |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| Member  | \$ 525 + hst                         | \$ 575 + hst                            |
| Non-Member  | \$ 575 + hst                         | \$ 625+ hst                             |
| Buffet Breakfast – May 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> | \$ 24 + hst per day                  |   |
| Each registrant will be charged a \$5 Carbon Surcharge Fee  |                                      |   |

## NEWS

[Canada, FCM Boost Nova Scotia Home Energy Program](#)[Embracing Supplier Diversity: A Strategic Imperative for Procurement Success](#)[Feltmate says task force must act fast](#)[Justice minister names 16 members to policing review panel](#)[New coastal protection plan shifts responsibility to homeowners, municipalities](#)[Spotlighting the Strategic Role of Procurement Professionals in the Public Sector](#)

## FUNDING

**Unleash Fiscal Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth**

The NSFM Funding Database is a 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.

- Quest Canada has announced a [Pan-Atlantic Net-zero Community Accelerator Program](#).
- The [Innoweave program](#) has been added to the database.
- The [McConnell Foundation Grants](#) have been added to the database.
- [Nova Scotia Mineral Resources Development Fund Communities Grant](#) has been added to the database.
- [Tourism Digital Assistance Program](#) now open.
- [Seed Funding](#) now open.
- [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#), design and planning stream is open.
- [Environmental Damages Fund](#) will re-open in March.
- [Green Jobs](#) Internship Program and Science Horizons Internship Program are open.
- Community Health Boards [Wellness Funds](#) are now open.
- [Office of Healthcare Professionals Recruitment Community Fund](#) is holding a webinar, seeking participation in the program.

**FCM Funding Opportunities**

and most recipients receive an additional grant of up to 15% of their loan amount. Municipal partners may apply for competitive, long-term financing. [More information.](#) Learn more about FCM's [Green Municipal Fund](#) (GMF), which is revising its core funding to enhance its flexibility and adaptability and maximize its impact.

## PROGRAMS

### Simplify Operational Workflows

Your organization's fleet is expected to be ready for anything. Is your fueling solution upholding its end of the bargain? Having to deal with operational challenges and ensuring your fleet is quickly operational is challenging. Gasboy fleet management systems include the industry's most comprehensive selection of commercial electronic and mechanical fuel dispensers, site controllers, fleet management software, island card readers, cardlock systems, and wireless vehicle identification systems. Gasboy can provide you with innovative, efficient, and cost-effective solutions to meet fueling, controlling, and fleet management needs. [Learn more!](#)

**Gasboy is a partner of the NSF/M/Canoe Procurement Program.**

### Staples Professional: Sustainable Printing

Through the **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program**, Staples Professional offers printing solutions for almost any situation, featuring competitive pricing and sustainable options. Learn more about [Sugar Sheet Paper](#).

This program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### NSFM/Canoe Supplier List

We strive to continually provide a wide range of procurement options to our membership. This is the latest [list of both new suppliers to Canoe as well as 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 well 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.** Canoe Procurement is a program partner of **NSFM**.

### Auto Insurance Tips: Electric & Hybrids

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.

Thinking about purchasing an electric or hybrid vehicle? [Click here](#) for some useful information on how that impacts your insurance.

### Grand Group Giveaway

When a BrokerLink group member requests a quote on car or home insurance between January 1 and December 31 you will be entered to win 1 of 4 cash prizes of \$5,000. Don't miss your chance to save on insurance and win some cash in the Grand Group Giveaway. Learn more at [www.BrokerLink.ca/contest-rules](http://www.BrokerLink.ca/contest-rules)

Contact BrokerLink today: Call 1.833.998.3798, or visit [BrokerLink.ca/municipalities-NS](http://BrokerLink.ca/municipalities-NS)

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### 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, 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

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)

## WEBINARS

### Amplifying Climate Awareness

**April 24 – 10 am – 11 am (Atlantic)**

NSFM is pleased to present this webinar, which is free to all NSF/M and AMANS Members:

**Learn from the Canadian Centre for Climate Services and CLIMAtlantic about:**

- Climate trends and projections for Nova Scotia
- A few of the many tools, resources, and services available to apply climate data in your own work
- Examples of what others are doing to adapt to climate change

**Presenters:**

- Casey Clunas, Policy Analyst, Canadian Centre for Climate Services
- Frances Delaney, Policy Analyst, Canadian Centre for Climate Services
- Alex Cadel, Climate Services Specialist (Nova Scotia), CLIMAtlantic

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**EAP for Elected Officials Program**

Do you know what your EAP covers or how to access and navigate the programs and services? This webinar will provide an overview and a live demo of the new website and app. Learn what the Employee Assistance Plan (EAP) offers and how to login, create a profile, navigate resources, and access programs and services.

- March 27
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- **Register:** <https://forms.office.com/r/e4gTc42XDq>

**Host:** Melanie Bower, Wellness Coordinator, AMANS

**Facilitator:** Kerri Farrell, Customer Success Manager, Eastern Canada with TELUS Health

**Audience:** Elected Officials - NSFM Benefit Plan members

**More information:** [wellness@amans.ca](mailto:wellness@amans.ca)

**Home & Auto Insurance: Recording:**

Did you miss our webinar on the **NSFM Personal Home & Auto 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. This webinar recording explains how the program works, how access works, and how you, as an elected leader or municipal staffer can benefit from lower insurance rates and value-added education on insurance products. [Click here.](#)

**FEATURED****Royal Canadian Air Force to celebrate its official Centennial.**

Join in celebrating the Royal Canadian Air Force's (RCAF) Centennial on April 1, 2024! 🇨🇦 For 100 years, the RCAF and its personnel have defended Canada, its people, allies, and interests. Let's light up the world in blue to honour their service! Famous landmarks globally will illuminate, including the CN Tower and Niagara Falls. Share your blue-lit photos using #RCAF100 and #100YearsOfFlyingBlue. Stay tuned as they attempt to break the Guinness World Record for most landmarks illuminated in 24 hours! Visit the [RCAF 2024 Centennial](#) website for event details. 🇨🇦💙

**Ride for Heart Team Building Event**

🚴💗 Join Heart & Stroke's Ride for Heart this Summer!

Ride, walk, or run for a cause and support critical heart and brain research.

**Highlights:**

- 🏆 Register by March 31st for a chance to win prizes
- 💰 Fundraising Incentives: Raise \$100+ for a Ride Corporate t-shirt and discounts.
- 🎁 Team Rewards: Raise over \$5,000 for an exclusive Heart & Stroke digital invite.

Don't miss out on the Kilometre Challenge and Health & Wellness toolkit.

Let's ride for heart health together!

Reach out to discuss your participation. [Click Here](#)

**Committee Recruitment**

Members are needed for the **Financial Management Best Practices Committee** (FMBPC) to review and update current financial management best practices. The FMBPC is responsible for reviewing the existing best practices developed by the committee in prior years and determining a need for any new best practices. Committee meetings will be held once a month, starting in April, and will alternate between in-person and virtual.

- **List of existing best practices:** <https://www.nsmfc.ca/about/best-practices.html>
- **Terms of Reference:** [Click 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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