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Monday Memo



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NSFM 2024 SPRING CONFERENCE AHEAD!

Future-Focused Municipalities:
PIONEERING SOLUTIONS



Our NSFM Spring Conference was a Success!



Thank You & See You This Fall!

NEWS

[Approval granted to controversial campground in Scots Bay](#)
[Cape Breton Farmers' Market locked out of building in dispute over unpaid property taxes](#)
[CBRM committee overseeing port development rarely met, lacks records](#)
[CBRM Mayor Amanda McDougall-Merrill says she won't run in next election](#)
[Chignecto Isthmus debated in the senate](#)
[Housing predictions for the next two years in Halifax: CMHC](#)

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Letter from the Honourable John A. Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The *Financial Measures Act* received Royal Assent in the Nova Scotia Legislature. To read more [Click Here](#)

SAVE THE DATE - New Councillor Training and Orientation - November 4 and 5, at the Halifax Convention Centre

Municipal Elections are coming this fall and as has been custom, the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing will be offering a training and orientation program for new and returning elected officials. **Please save the dates of November 4 and 5 in your calendars.** The sessions will begin at 12:00pm noon on the 4th and conclude at 4:00pm on the 5th. To learn more [Click Here](#)

Community Partner Consultations

The Province is holding consultations with community partners to discuss feedback on proposed changes to the *Labour Standards Code* to establish job protection for employees facing a serious illness or injury and to enhance the existing unpaid sick leave provisions for general illness. A background document is available, by request, in relation to proposed changes to address these issues.

- **Deadline for feedback:** May 31
- **More information, questions, responses:** cynthia.yazbek@novascotia.ca



Low Carbon Leadership Conference

- June 25 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
- Inn on Prince, Truro
- \$25 +HST, includes continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments
- [Register here](#)

Presented by:

- NSFM
- Province of NS LCC Program
- FBM Architecture & Interior Design
- Theme: Planning together toward energy efficient neighbourhoods

Library Funding Review Committee (LFRC) Deliverables:

- Provide options for a revised funding model including a preferred model.
- Develop an engagement plan for consulting with municipalities on the funding model.
- Develop a communication plan to maintain ongoing updates to stakeholders.

Committee's deadline for developing funding options: Fall 2024

Proposed implementation of a new funding model: April 1, 2025

To read more [Click Here](#)

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.

FCM Funding Opportunities

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) offers grants 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

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.**

Fuel & Lubricants

Learn more about the [NSFM/Canoe Fuel & Lubricant program](#) and how you can start saving money on your fuel and lubricant purchases. This program provides fuel and lubricants from coast to coast to coast and has the provision of third-party fuel and oil testing. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

NSFM/Canoe Paint Supply

We live in a colourful world, so why limit your projects to shades of grey? With the Canoe Paint Supply Program, you can access a wide range of architectural and commercial paint, wall coverings, and tools that will help you get the job done right. Our program is fully trade compliant, cuts through the administrative hassles, and gives you exclusive access to preferential pricing and services. [The program](#) works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Home Insurance Tips: Backyard Pools

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. As temperatures begin to rise it is a good signal to start preparations for getting your backyard pool ready for the warmer weather. Have a pool or thinking about one? Read the [Pool Owners Guide](#) to insurance.

When a BrokerLink group member requests a quote on car or home insurance between January 1 and December 31 they 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 [Brokerlink.ca/contest-rules](#)

WEBINARS

Streamlining Municipal Procurement

The **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program** presents the following webinar: **Streamlining Municipal Procurement: Compliance and Best Practices.** The webinar is tailored for CAOs and municipal procurement professionals and offers insight into developing a straightforward procurement policy framework, emphasizing compliance with key trade agreements (CFTA, NWPTA, and CETA), and effective solicitation strategies. Hosted by Stéphanie Dion, a distinguished procurement

Highlights:

- **Overview:** creating a compliant, efficient, procurement policy, solicitation strategies, overview of RFPs, RFTs, etc., and choosing the right one
- **Who Should Attend:** municipal procurement staff and staff aiming for enhanced compliance, efficiency, and innovation in their processes
- **Date:** May 23 12 noon-1 pm
- [Register now](#)

Advisors, Vendors, and Education

Are you familiar with the Learning Development Supply Arrangement (LDSA) or Flextrack? Did you know that municipalities can take advantage of the province's standing offer for services in a variety of areas.

Need advice or expertise on topics such as DEI, mindfulness, decision making, or conflict management? The **LDSA** can provide you with a list of course information and available vendors that have an established standing offer with public service bodies.

Flextrack can provide a list of vendors for a variety of service areas which municipalities can contact and award either directly or through a statement of work process. Service areas include learning development, managed business services, and executive search.

Both of these initiatives are approved for use by public service bodies in NS. For more information, please contact staci.macaskill@novascotia.ca or visit [here](#).

Challenges of Municipal Leadership

Some municipal politicians are leaving their jobs because of the abuse they face and the toll it takes. In this feature from CBC's *The Current*, Matt Galloway talks to Waterloo, Ontario councillor Jen Vasic, Calgary councillor Jasmine Mian, and Montreal councillor Younes Boukala about the challenges some municipal politicians face. [Listen here](#).

FEATURED

Open House Dates: Offshore Wind Development

Learn about the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in NS, get answers to questions and share thoughts. Sessions are 5 pm-7:30 pm. Refreshments available.

- May 23 - Shelburne Community Centre, Shelburne
- May 27 - Chedabucto Lifestyle Complex, Guysborough
- May 29 - Royal Canadian Legion, Sheet Harbour
- June 4 - Pictou County Wellness Centre, New Glasgow
- June 5 - The Arts Sanctuary Centre, Dartmouth

More information, contact: OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca

RESOURCES

[Winter 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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