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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

2024 NSFM FALL CONFERENCE



Attendees will participate in presentations, discussions, educational and networking opportunities focusing on topics such as renewable energy, policing models, good governance, and much more. Keynote speaker Jon Montgomery will speak on Innovation and Realism and the party leaders have been invited to share their vision for Nova Scotia.

Need more reasons to register? Here are the top three reasons to attend NSFM's 2024 Annual Conference

- 1. Informative sessions:** From sessions on Emergency Management; Inclusive Communities; Cyber Security; to Grant Application Strategies, there's never been a better time to learn.
- 2. Insightful speakers:** Engage with inspiring changemakers.
- 3. Network and partner:** Connect with your fellow municipal colleagues, and our sponsor partners/suppliers.

Whether you are newly elected or a returning elected official, this really is a conference like no other. We can't wait to host you. Don't miss out! [Register today.](#)

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE PROGRAM & TO REGISTER](#)

The full program and registration details are found on the conference site.

Municipal Code of Conduct Training Sessions

Registration is now open for the Municipal Code of Conduct In-Person Training Sessions

NSFM encourages all municipal elected officials to attend the in-person Code of Conduct training sessions scheduled for January 2025. These sessions will provide important information regarding the **Code of Conduct**.

Additionally, a mandatory online training module will be available early in 2025. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Please [click here](#) to find the schedule and [click here](#) for your electoral region.

Register today!

SEASONAL PHOTO CONTEST

Share Your Municipality's Seasonal Photos!

NSFM is calling on all municipalities to showcase the beauty of their communities in the winter season! We're looking for stunning seasonal images to be featured in our **Holiday Card**, and potentially on the **NSFM Website**, across our **Social Media Channels** (LinkedIn, Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram), and in **publications** like **NSFM's Annual Report**, the **Municipal Observer**, and **Atlantic Municipal Magazine**.

How to Participate: Submit your best seasonal photos (hi-resolution/300dpi) by **4 pm on Friday, November 8** to: communications@nsfm.ca

All entries (1 per person) will be entered into a draw for **1 Free Registration to NSFM's Fall Conference**, valued at **\$750!**

Show off the charm of your municipality and get a chance to win while spreading holiday cheer across Nova Scotia!

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Recommendations for an Employment Accessibility Standard

accessible employment in Nova Scotia. The [Accessibility Directorate](#) will be working collaboratively with other departments to review the recommendations and draft an accessibility standard in employment. As the work progresses, updates will be provided. [Press Release](#). **More information:** accessibility@novascotia.ca

Notice of Proposed By-law Changes

The NSFM Board of Directors is recommending by-law changes to be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on November 28th, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The proposed changes include:

- [Motion 1](#): Amend Quorum Language (Subsection 6.4 d)
- [Motion 2](#): Amend Board Expenses Language (Subsection 5.9)

[Click here](#) to review the by-laws with proposed amendments.

For questions contact: info@nsfm.ca.

Banking on Your Energy Transition: Net-Zero Project Workshop

Join Quest Canada November 25 & 26 in Halifax for a **free workshop** at Nova Scotia Power, focused on advancing net-zero projects in your community. Travel and accommodation expenses are fully reimbursed. Connect with experts, funders, and peers to refine projects such as solar, energy retrofits, PACE, and EVs. Expect lectures, group work, and networking. Pre-workshop, participants will develop a project summary with expert guidance.

Event Details:

- **Dates:** Nov. 25 (9 AM–4:30 PM) & Nov. 26 (9 AM–1 PM)
- **Location:** Nova Scotia Power, 1223 Lower Water Street
- **Learn More:** Attend info sessions on Oct. 18 at 11 AM or Oct. 21 at 1 PM
- **Registration & Info:** [HERE](#)

NEWS

[1 box, 2 names: Random draw could decide election winner in tied CB district](#)
[National coalition urges immediate attention to climate change file](#)
[N.S. municipal elections bring in new faces as some incumbents defeated](#)
[Pictou County municipality 'deeply concerned' about rise in animal attacks](#)
[Record disaster claims raise concern over the future of Canadian insurance](#)
[Residents vote for deer hunt in some Colchester County communities](#)
[Speaking truth to Canadians about their public service: Podcast](#)

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.

- Funding for EV chargers, [Charged for Change](#) is now open.
- GMF has a new initiative, [Accelerating Community Energy Systems](#).
 - Information session on November 21st, 3 PM. Click [here](#) to register.
- [Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund](#) will soon open for applications.
 - Information sessions on November 5th & 27th. Email chifwebinar-webinairefcil@inf.gc.ca
- [Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program](#) information session on November 7th @ 1pm. Email GRID@novascotia.ca
- [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#), will close the Planning and Design Project Stream on November 28th.
- [Emergency Treatment Fund](#) is open for applications.
- [Science and Technology Internship Programme](#) is open for applications.
- [Local Leadership for Climate Adaption - Climate-Ready Plans and Processes](#) is now open.
- [Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program](#) is accepting EOI for the Utility Support Stream.
- [Codes Acceleration Fund](#) 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

Keep 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.**

Janitorial Supply

- Breakroom supplies and coffee programs
- Education/School custodial supplies
- Environmentally-friendly cleaning chemicals
- First aid supplies
- Mail, packing, and shipping items
- Maintenance repair, operations, and industrial products
- Matting programs
- Safety and personal protective equipment
- Washroom dispenser programs

Learn more about the [Ice Melter Early Supply Program](#). This program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Fitness Supply

Procuring fitness equipment can be a marathon of work. Through the [NSFM/Canoe Fitness Supply Program](#), your municipal unit has access to plenty of options and sources to assist with your gym or recreation facilities need. The program provides a simplified process at best-value pricing and works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

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.**

Park'N Fly Discount

The **NSFM/Park'N Fly Discount Program** is 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. 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](#)

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](#).

WEBINARS

Fire Weather Projections

The Canadian Centre for Climate Services is presenting a webinar on the new **Fire Weather Projections App**: [Fire Weather – ClimateData.ca](#) Topics for discussion:

- How to access future climate data
- Understanding the Canadian Forest Fire Weather Index System (FWI)
- Understanding the six index system components, season length, weather severity, and intensity
- Understanding how the app was developed and how it can be used
- Questions/answers
- November 6 @ 2 pm (AST)
- Register [here](#)

The Intentional Shift Series

The [Alberta Municipal Health & Safety Association](#) is offering a series of free online webinars as part of [The Intentional Shift](#) series that may be of interest to the NS municipal sector. Session topics include:

- Kindness as a Business Tool – November 21
- Fostering Meaningful Work – December 19
- Finding Your Charge – January 16
- Creating the Everyday Your Employees Want to Work At – February 27
- Using AI with Intention – March 27
- Building Leadership Adaptability Skills – April 25
- [More information](#)

Connecting Climate & Biodiversity: Recording

Joanna Eyquem, **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation**, recently presented on the topic of Connecting Climate and Biodiversity. The presentation discussed how

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

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](#).

Preparing for Climate Risk: Recording

Blair Feltmate discusses climate resilience with Todd Veinotte on 95.7 News Radio in Halifax, addressing how homeowners can safeguard their assets and what provinces and municipalities can do to improve resilience. Listen to the interview [here](#). The infographics Blair discusses can be accessed [here](#).

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RESOURCES

[Summer Municipal Observer](#)

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

[Fall/Winter Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

The magazine for the **Atlantic Region of Municipalities**



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