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## Monday Memo


NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
OF MUNICIPALITIES


## 2024 NSFM FALL CONFERENCE

Leading with *Integrity*  
and *Vision*NSFM Conference  
November 26th - 29th, 2024 • Halifax, NS**Register Now for 2024 Fall Conference – Updated Agenda**

Newly elected and re-elected officials are encouraged to register for NSFM's 2024 Fall Conference, a gathering dedicated to advancing the interests of Nova Scotia's municipalities.

If you've not already registered, we encourage you to secure your spot today.

 **Date:** November 26-29, 2024

 **Location:** Westin Nova Scotian Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia

 **Registration Link:** [Registration Link](#)

Join us for this invaluable chance to connect with fellow municipal leaders, gain practical insights, and collaboratively shape our province's municipal landscape.

[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 offer **valuable supplementary information** on the Code of Conduct.

Please note that a **mandatory online training module** will be available in early 2025. Additional details on the online module will be provided in the coming weeks.

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

**Register today!**

## NSFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

**NSFM's 2024 Board of Directors Election & Nominations Report**

NSFM's 2024 Board of Directors Election campaign is underway! Get to know the nominees and their commitment to our communities. [\[Click here for details\]](#)

On November 18, you'll receive a secure link and unique login credentials for voting. Please keep these confidential.

**Key Points:**

- The President position requires an election, open to all elected municipal officials.

Click on the links to view the [Nominations Committee Report](#), [Election Overview](#), and [eBallot Guide](#) documents for your reference.

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

### Recommendations for an Employment Accessibility Standard

The Accessibility Advisory Board has provided its [recommendations](#) for employment accessibility standards. The goal of these standards is to address barriers to 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](mailto:accessibility@novascotia.ca)

### Draft Report on Offshore Wind – Open for Public Comment

The Committee for the Regional Assessment of Offshore Wind Development in Nova Scotia has published its Draft Report, available on the Registry: [Link to Draft Report](#). All Indigenous communities, organizations, and the public are invited to **review and comment by December 20**. Comments can be submitted via email at [OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:OffshoreWindNS-EolienneExtracotiereNE@iaac-aeic.gc.ca) or through the public commenting tool. The Final Report, incorporating public feedback, will be submitted to the Minister on January 23 and subsequently made public.

### 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](mailto: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

[Controversial Halifax waste facility could move ahead after court rules councillors biased](#)

[Lunenburg municipality getting 2 generators for sewage systems to counter blackouts](#)

[New CBRM mayor, council talks priorities, relationship during swearing-in ceremony](#)

[Strong sewage odour in Antigonish repels residents, tourists](#)

[Why pay for jurors became an issue at Saint John murder trial](#)

## 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@infcc.gc.ca](mailto:chifwebinar-webinairefcil@infcc.gc.ca)
- [Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program](#) information session on November 7th @ 1pm. Email [GRID@novascotia.ca](mailto: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.
- [National Crime Prevention Strategy \(NCPS\)](#) Funding available for municipal police services and their governing authorities.

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

### Arborist Equipment Program

The [NSFM/Canoe Arborist Equipment Program](#) works with suppliers that offer some of the safest and most reliable tree maintenance equipment on the market, all at competitive pricing, to keep things growing. Green spaces provide health and recreation, so maintenance equipment needs to be up to the task. This program works with suppliers that offer safe and reliable tree maintenance equipment. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Flooring Program

The [NSFM/Canoe Flooring Program](#) works with suppliers to help you find the best options for each of your spaces: rugs, carpet tiles, luxury vinyl flooring, and more. With preferred pricing and the tendering process already completed on your behalf, you just need to pick your design. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Food Recycling Program

Good food and shared dining experiences bring people together. Partnering with Sysco, one of the largest food distribution companies in Canada, the [NSFM/Canoe Food Recycling Program](#) provides food services to members across Canada. The program gives your organization access to a huge catalogue of produce, custom cut meats, and dairy, all delivered directly to you. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Insurance Tips: Essential Fall Checklist

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. [More information.](#)

The season is changing and besides gearing up for cozy sweaters and pumpkin spiced lattes, there is much to do to get ready for fall and winter. Please refer to our [Essential Fall Checklist.](#)

## WEBINARS

### 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.](#)

### Contract & Procurement Fraud: Recording

Did you miss the recent session presented by the **NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program** on Contract & Procurement Fraud? The webinar, presented by Régina MacInnis and Rey Richards from the province's Internal Audit Centre discussed the knowledge and skills necessary to identify, prevent, and mitigate fraudulent activities within operational realities. Access the [slide deck](#) and listen to the [webinar](#).

### The Intentional Shift Series: Recording

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 Nova Scotia 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](#)

## 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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