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## Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION  
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## 2024 NSFM FALL CONFERENCE

Leading with *Integrity*  
and *Vision*NSFM Conference  
November 26th - 29th, 2024 • Halifax, NS[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE  
PROGRAM & TO REGISTER](#)The full program and registration details  
are found on the conference site.**Last Chance to Register!**

Registration for the 2024 NSFM Annual Conference closes at noon on November 21st.

Don't miss out on several informative sessions and networking opportunities all focused on **Leading with Integrity and Vision**.Do you play an instrument or like to join  
in a singalong?  
Don't miss out on our singalong social  
night on November 27th!Get your registration in now to enjoy all the benefits the NSFM Conference affords  
you. [REGISTER NOW](#)**Presenting Sponsor:****Conference Sponsors:**Department of Municipal Affairs &  
Housing

## Municipal Code of Conduct Training Sessions

**Registration: Municipal Code of Conduct 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

**Vote in NSFM's 2024 Board of Directors Election**

Voting for NSFM's 2024 Board of Directors Election has officially begun! We invite you to participate in this important democratic process by casting your ballot online.

**Voting Period:** All Elected Municipal Officials can vote from Nov. 18 to Nov. 22, until 4:00 PM. Click here to review: [Election Overview](#); [eBallot Guide](#)

If you haven't received your eBallot info, please email us at [info@nsfm.ca](mailto:info@nsfm.ca).

## SEASONAL PHOTO CONTEST WINNER



We're pleased to announce the winner of **NSFM's Seasonal Photo Contest: James Fuller, Deputy Warden of St. Mary's District!** James's beautiful photo showcasing an autumn morning on Lochiel Lake of St. Mary's has earned him a **free registration to NSFM's 2024 Fall Conference**, valued at \$750.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated! We received many stunning entries that truly capture the unique beauty of Nova Scotia's municipalities in the fall and winter season. Keep an eye out as we share these images in many of our upcoming communications like our **Holiday Card**, on the **NSFM Website**, across our **Social Media Channels** (LinkedIn, Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram), and in NSFM publications like the **Annual Report**, **Municipal Observer**, and **Atlantic Municipal Magazine**.

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY



### FCM is bringing local leaders and sustainability champions to Atlantic Canada!

Don't miss the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Sustainable Communities Conference (SCC)—Canada's leading event for proven, practical climate and sustainability solutions. Join them and hundreds of industry experts and leaders to discover the latest approaches to help grow your local economy, address affordability and build a strong, healthy future for your community.

Engage in meaningful discussions and find support in a network of changemakers who want to protect communities against climate threats and related impacts. Together, we can develop effective strategies for climate adaptation, affordable housing and sustainable infrastructure.

Early bird rates until December 13, 2024 [Learn more and register today!](#)

### 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).

## NEWS

[Chester reappoints Allen Webber as Warden](#)
[Linda Gregory named Digby warden for 9th time](#)
[New Halifax council meets for first time](#)
[Nicole Albright becomes first ever female warden in Argyle](#)
[N.S. municipalities defend housing fund Conservatives have promised to cut](#)
[Ordinary Policies Achieve Extraordinary Climate Adaptation](#)

## FUNDING

### Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The NSFAM 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](#) open
- GMF has a new initiative, [Accelerating Community Energy Systems](#)
  - Register [here](#) for Information session November 21 @ 3 pm
- [Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund](#) open soon
  - Information sessions November 5 & 27
  - Info: [chifwebinar-webinairefcil@infcc.gc.ca](mailto:chifwebinar-webinairefcil@infcc.gc.ca)
- [Growth and Renewal for Infrastructure Development Program](#)
  - Information session November 7 @ 1pm
  - Info: [GRID@novascotia.ca](mailto:GRID@novascotia.ca)
- [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#)
  - Planning and Design Project Stream closes November 28
- [Emergency Treatment Fund](#) open
- [Science and Technology Internship Programme](#) open
- [Local Leadership for Climate Adaption - Climate-Ready Plans and Processes](#) open
- [Smart Renewables and Electrification Pathways Program](#) accepting EOI for Utility Support Stream
- [Codes Acceleration Fund](#) open
- [National Crime Prevention Strategy \(NCPS\)](#) funding available for municipal police services and their governing authorities

### 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

### Winter Maintenance Equipment

Don't get left in the cold. When winter hits, reliable equipment built to tackle icy roads, heavy snowfalls, and freezing temperatures is needed. The [NSFM/Canoe Winter Maintenance Equipment Program](#) has you covered with plows, sanders, snowblowers, and more, all sourced from top suppliers at preferential rates. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support.

**NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### NSFM/Canoe Supplier List: Updated

At [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) provides a diverse range of procurement options for our members. 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. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support.

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### Traffic Solutions for Municipalities

The [NSFM/Canoe Traffic Supply Program](#) enables municipalities to partner with major sign suppliers to ensure members get the signage they need at a competitive price and always trade compliant. Providing real-time updates on lane closures, delays, and alternate routes, these message boards help keep drivers informed and workers safe. Easily managed through the [ATS OPTRAFFIC Web System](#), accessible online and via mobile app, they offer a reliable solution for effective traffic management. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support.

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### Insurance Tips: Protect Your Home While Away

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.](#)

Going away and leaving your house for extended periods of time can be risky, especially if you do not take proper precautions. To keep your home safe and secure and the grinch out while you are away, refer to our guide on [How to Protect Your Home While You are Away.](#)

and municipal staff within the broader municipal sector. For 50 years, Park'N Fly has proudly been a part of the Canadian travel industry, supporting countless journeys with reliable, convenient, and cost-effective parking solutions. To celebrate, we are excited to introduce the Park'N Fly 50th Anniversary Sweepstakes. Until December 10, travelers can enter for the chance to win 1 of 5 exciting travel prizes. [Enter here](#)

## WEBINARS

### Leveraging Stakeholder Relationships for Procurement Success

NSFM and Canoe invite you to an upcoming webinar, **Leveraging Stakeholder Relationships for Procurement Success**, facilitated by Stéphanie Dion and Tony DeSciscio from Canoe Procurement. This session will dive into the NIGP best practices on fostering stakeholder relationships and is exclusively for public entities. In this session insights will be shared on how building trust and strategically engaging with stakeholders can elevate procurement's role as a strategic cornerstone within your organization.

#### Event Details:

- November 26 @ 12 Noon
- Register [here](#)

### EAP for Elected Officials

While we often have the skills to manage our daily lives, unexpected challenges can arise that require additional support. Do you know what your Assistance Program covers and how to access its services? This webinar will provide an overview of program offerings, along with a live demonstration of the website and app. The Municipal Wellness Program is dedicated to fostering a culture of health and wellness for municipal employees and elected officials.

- December 4
- 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Register [here](#)
- **Host:** Melanie Bower, Municipal Wellness Program Coordinator
- **Facilitator:** Kerri Farell, Customer Success Manager, TELUS Health

### Working With Nature As Normal

Joanna Eyquem, Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation, will discuss progress in mainstreaming consideration of nature-based solutions, including strategic approaches, technical guidance, and integration in municipal management and financial reporting as part of the land Adapt continuing education program for Canadian landscape architects.

- December 12 @ 3:00 pm
- Register [here](#)

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

### Construction Procurement: Recording

Did you miss the recent webinar on **Cutting Edge Construction Procurement** presented by **NSFM/Canoe**, Gordian, and the Institute for Public Procurement? The session discussed the latest trends and challenges in Canadian construction procurement. Topics included best practices to drive efficiency and value in every project, insights into optimizing procurement strategies, and real-world expertise from leaders in the field. Access the [slide deck](#) and [webinar recording](#).

## 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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