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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES



2024 NSFM FALL CONFERENCE



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

New Compensation Hub Launched

Ship and Rail Compensation Canada has launched a compensation hub with the mission to compensate anyone for damages resulting from oil spills from ships, boats, or major railway accidents involving crude oil. Find out more by visiting the [website](#) or by reading this [news release](#).

Banking on Your Energy Transition: Net-Zero Project Workshop

Join us 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 St., Halifax

Learn More: Attend info sessions on Oct. 18 at 11 AM or Oct. 21 at 1 PM.

NEWS

[Basement-free buildings are better for the future climate](#)
[CBRM councillor says election opponent should be disqualified for not taking leave](#)
[Halifax councillors question 'reckless' planning changes required by province](#)

[N.S. Premier stands firm on Chignecto Isthmus](#)
[N.S. town disappointed with ferry cancellations](#)
[Parts of Municipality of Colchester to hold plebiscite on managed deer cull](#)
[Repair bills near \\$3M for Elmsdale pool shut down for almost a year due to flooding](#)
[Small businesses outline key priorities ahead of Nova Scotia municipal elections](#)

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.

- [Age-Friendly Communities Grant Program](#) is now open for applications
- The application period is now open for three components of the [Museums Assistance Program](#)
- [Habitat Stewardship Program for Species at Risk](#) is open
- [National Anti-Racism Fund](#) Project Grants are open for EOI
- [Medavie Foundation](#) grants are now open
- [Local Food Infrastructure Fund](#) is now open
- Intact has a [Municipal Climate Resiliency Grant Program](#) open for applications
- A new page "[Retrofits and New Builds](#)" has been added to the Municipal Funding Database

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

Athletic Surface

The [NSFM/Canoe Athletic Surface Program](#) provides plenty of surface options, including a wide range of professional turf and flooring options. Get what you need through a simplified procurement process and competitive rates. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Add Some Spark To Your Next Project

Your municipal unit depends on its electrical products. Electrical wires, connectors, interior automation, commercial lighting, smart home devices, ballasts, and more play a critical role in keeping your operations running smoothly. The [NSFM/Canoe Electrical Supply Program](#) can help you source the equipment you need for a project done right. The 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.**

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.](#)

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](#)

LIFT Fitness

If your municipality or municipal unit is a subscriber to the **TELUS Health EAP Program**, check out the FREE [LIFT Fitness Program.](#)

Benefits:

- full suite of FREE fitness offerings that make working out exciting, easy, and efficient
- custom programs created by certified experts to help you reach your goals

- just like working out at your gym or studio without ever stepping outside
More information, contact mbower@amans.ca

WEBINARS

Ask Canoe Anything!

Join Canoe on October 30 for an open mic webinar sessions exclusively for **elected leaders and municipal staff** where Canoe regional representatives, including Andy Saxby, Ainsley Murdock, Kim Thiessen, Ryan Yavis, and Sarah Hubble, alongside other Canoe team members, will be on hand to answer all your questions around the **NSFM/Canoe Program**. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**. Register [here](#).

Construction Procurement

NSFM/Canoe-approved supplier, Gordian and the NIGP will host a joint webinar on Thursday October 31, on the latest trends and challenges in Canadian construction procurement. The session will cover best practices to drive efficiency and value in every project, share insights into optimizing procurement strategies, and highlight real-world expertise from leaders in the field. Register [here](#).

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](#).

FOIPOP Engagement Session: Recording

Did you miss the recent engagement session presented by **NSFM** on prospective FOIPOP changes? The province is undertaking a review of Nova Scotia's access and privacy legislative framework. The FOIPOP Working Group hosted an online engagement session with elected municipal officials and staff to gauge feedback. Listen to the webinar [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](#).

Municipal Flood Risk Tool: Recording

Interested in learning more about the Municipal Flood Risk tool and how it can benefit municipalities? Listen to this interview with **Joanna Eyquem**, from the Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation [here](#).

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

RESOURCES

[Summer Municipal Observer](#)

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

[Atlantic Municipal Magazine](#)

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



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