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## Monday Memo



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### STORM READINESS

#### Webinar: Nova Scotia Power Storm Readiness

Nova Scotia Power, **presenting sponsor of the 2024 NSFM Fall Conference**, is excited to present to NSFM the webinar: **Nova Scotia Power Storm Readiness** on Wednesday September 12! Join us to learn more about the storm season, the steps taken to prepare for severe storms, and how we respond to restore power to customers in outage situations, using our restoration priorities. Relevant business updates will also be shared.

- Date: September 12
- Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Free to all NSFM and AMANS members
- [REGISTER HERE](#)

### 2024 LONG SERVICE AWARDS

#### Apply Now for the 2024 Long Service Awards

NSFM is pleased to continue the **Long Service Awards Program**, recognizing dedication to municipal service, honouring commitment and dedication of elected officials who have served on Council for a minimum of ten years, and celebrating the invaluable contributions of leaders across several categories (10 plus to 40 plus years of service).

- Each award will only be presented once per category
- Award certificates will be sent to respective municipalities for local presentation
- To recognize eligible elected officials complete [THIS FORM](#)
- Deadline for form submission: September 6
- Note: NSFM does not keep records of years of service; recognition certificates will be based on the forms received

### NEW & NOTEWORTHY

#### FOIPOP Act Review: Engagement with NSFM

The province is undertaking a review of Nova Scotia's access and privacy legislative framework. The FOIPOP Working Group carrying out the review is hosting a one-hour online engagement session to gauge feedback. NSFM elected officials and relevant staff responsible for access and privacy are invited to attend and share perspectives on potential changes to the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(nslegislature.ca\)](#) and the [Municipal Government Act \(nslegislature.ca\)](#)

- Session date: September 17 @ 3 pm
- To attend: Check your inbox for meeting invite
- Missing your invite? Contact: [imorrison@nsfm.ca](mailto:imorrison@nsfm.ca)

#### Coastal Land Use Planning

Gordon Smith has recently been hired by NSFM to support municipalities in implementing policies and by-laws related to coastal land use. This includes identifying required resources, connecting you with available supports, and facilitating capacity building at the local level.

As a first step, expect to receive a brief survey that will help him understand where your municipality is around coastal resilience and land use planning and what challenges you face in considering these issues and taking action. Watch for the survey and please respond to enable Gordon to advocate more effectively on your behalf. More information: [coastal@nsfm.ca](mailto:coastal@nsfm.ca)

#### Nominate Your Leaders: Insights from Current Board Members

Regional Representatives for each [NSFM Electoral Region](#). [Click here](#) for more information and for the [Nomination Form](#). Nominations will be accepted until November 1.

[Belle Hatfield](#) and [Paul Russell](#) current Board members, share their experiences and discuss the crucial work being done to shape the future of our municipalities.

### Invitation to Community Group Leaders

The Nova Scotia Guard invites community group leaders to join one of three online information sessions to learn about collaborating during emergencies. The sessions will cover the Guard's role, how community groups can contribute, and registration details. Registration is required. Session Dates:

- September 12: [Register here](#)
- September 19: [Register here](#)
- September 26: [Register here](#)

### Intense, Short-Duration Storms

Joanna Eyquem highlights an important shift due to climate change: more intense, short-duration storms in the summer. Hotter air holds more moisture, leading to increased rainfall and flooding risk, even outside traditional flood plains. "It's crucial for both municipalities and homeowners to prepare for flooding." Understanding how to protect your home from water damage is key as our climate evolves. Read the article: [here](#).

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

### Flooding: How Prepared are Municipalities & Homeowners

Dr. Anabela Bonada joined CBC Radio's *Ontario Today* as an expert guest, where callers shared their personal experiences with flooding and discussed preparedness at both the home and municipal levels. Dr. Bonada offered practical advice for residents on how to [protect their homes from flooding](#) and highlighted key strategies from the [Municipal Flood Risk Check-Up](#) designed to help municipalities strengthen their flood resilience. Listen [here](#).

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## NEWS

[‘Excitement off the charts’ at meeting for South Playground: mayor](#)  
[Bridge near Hantsport closed due to structural concerns](#)  
[Digby ready for another Wharf Rat Rally](#)  
[Climate pushing wildfires closer to urban areas. Firefighters not prepared](#)  
[Company removes barriers on Dartmouth Cove trail after criticism](#)  
[Congres Mondial Acadien leaves lasting legacy in southwest N.S.](#)  
[N.S. community gets \\$69M for stormwater upgrades](#)  
[New regulations aimed at increasing housing in Halifax](#)  
[‘Speechless’: Halifax community learns fire hydrants non-functional](#)

## 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.

- [Atlantic Salmon Conservation](#) now open
- [New Horizons for Seniors Program- Community-Based Projects](#) now open
- [National Housing Strategy Demonstrations Initiative](#) now open
- [Clean Fuels Fund](#) extended until 2029-30. RFPs anticipated by end of 2024
- [Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Program](#) has re-opened
- Canada Public Transit Fund streams:
  - [Metro-Region Agreements](#) (Open for EOI)
  - [Baseline Funding](#) (Open for EOI)
- [Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program](#) has re-opened

### 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](#).

### Waste Management Equipment

The **NSFM/Canoe Waste Management Equipment Program** has partnered with leading manufacturers of innovative waste management vehicles and equipment. With a wide variety of suppliers to choose from, you will be able to find the products that meet your specific needs. Click [here](#) for more information. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe=Local.**

### NSFM/Canoe Fleet Management

Through leveraging the combined purchasing power of all member organizations, the **NSFM/Canoe Fleet Management Program** allows municipalities access to a nation-wide network for:

- disposal of old inventory
- fleet assessment
- fuel tracking
- new vehicle additions
- vehicle budgeting guidance and roadside assistance

Offered in collaboration with leading companies in the industry, this program provides solutions for every aspect of your fleet, no matter the size. [Learn more](#) The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe=Local.**

### EV Charging Station Program

As more people are purchasing electric vehicles, be prepared with charging options. The **NSFM/Canoe EV Charging Station Program** will help get charging stations faster, more cost-effectively, and best of all, through a convenient procurement process. The [program](#) works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe=Local.**

### Insurance Tips: Understanding Your Policy

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.](#)

Reviewing and understanding an insurance contract is very important. As an insured, you should have a clear grasp on how your insurance policies work and what they contain. Whether buying personal or business insurance, there are a few key reasons why understanding your policy is necessary. Please refer to our [Tips on Deciphering Your Insurance Policy](#).

### Park'N Fly Discount

The **NSFM/Park'N Fly Discount Program** is now 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.

With a network that spans coast-to-coast, Park'N Fly is focused on providing customers with cost-effective parking options while enjoying a park happy experience every stay. 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](#)

## WEBINARS

### An Introduction to Contract and Procurement Fraud

The NSFM Municipal Group Insurance Program presents the following one-hour webinar: An Introduction to Contract and Procurement Fraud. The webinar, presented by Régina Fox (MacInnis) and Rey Richards from the province's Internal Audit Centre, will discuss knowledge and skills necessary to identify, prevent, and mitigate fraudulent activities within operational realities.

- Comprehend contract and procurement fraud
- Spot fraudulent activities
- Apply detection techniques
- Establish prevention and control measures
- Promote transparency
- September 25 @ 2:00 pm
- Register [here](#)

### Unlock Funding for EV Infrastructure with ZEVIP: Recording

NSFM, Canoe Procurement Group, Petro-Service, and Flo recently hosted a webinar for those looking to accelerate EV adoption using the last round of Natural Resources Canada's Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP). Did you miss the event which outlined how to access funding at 50% of total EV project costs? You can view the webinar [here](#).

[Summer Municipal Observer](#)

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