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Monday Memo



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Introducing the Winter Edition of the Municipal Observer!

The Winter Edition is Here!

We're excited to share the [Winter Edition of NSFM's Municipal Observer](#)! This edition spotlights key developments shaping municipalities across Nova Scotia, including stories of innovation, collaboration, and leadership.



Climate Change Committee – Call for Applications

Be a Leader in Climate Action!

NSFM's **Climate Change Advisory Committee** is seeking 3 Elected Officials and 1 CAO to drive sustainable solutions and adaptation planning. This committee addresses pressing issues such as coastal land use planning, municipal climate change adaptation, and integrating a climate lens into community planning.

Who Should Apply?

Municipal leaders passionate about sustainable development, biodiversity, and energy solutions are encouraged to apply.

How to Apply:

Submit a brief statement outlining your qualifications and how your involvement would contribute to the committee's mission to dcoffey@nsfm.ca. Click [here](#) for information on NSFM's other committee opportunities.

Municipal Code of Conduct Training Sessions

ATTENTION: Municipal Code of Conduct Training – Secure Your Spot Now!

Time is of the essence! **NSFM urges all municipal elected officials and village commissioners** to register for the upcoming **in-person Code of Conduct training sessions** taking place in **January 2025**. These sessions are a critical opportunity to gain essential knowledge and clarity on the updated Code of Conduct — insight that will support you in your role as a municipal leader.

⚠️ **Don't Miss This Mandatory Requirement:** An **online training module** will be launched in early February, as mandated for all elected officials & village commissioners. Further details will be shared soon, but these in-person sessions provide crucial supplementary information you won't want to miss.

🔗 [View the Training Schedule](#)

🔗 [Find Your Electoral Region](#)

📅 **Register Now — To Secure Your Spot!** [Register Here](#)

NSFM Board of Directors By-Election

Nominate Reps for the Cape Breton Strait & Valley Regions

The 2025 Nominations Committee is now accepting nominations for leadership positions within the NSFM Board of Directors for Representatives in the Cape Breton Strait & Valley Regions [NSFM Electoral Region](#). [Click here](#) for more information and the [Nomination Form](#).

Nominations will be accepted until January 20 at 4:00pm.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Employment Opportunity

Please see below for the following job opportunity for the **Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities**:

Position: Flood Adaptation Facilitator
 Deadline: January 10, 2025
 Posting Details: [Click here](#)

Accessibility Directorate Update

The [Accessibility Directorate](#) works collaboratively with other departments and organizations to share news, events, resources, and opportunities:

- Accessibility Plan templates can be found at the [Accessibility Directorate website](#)
- Images on disability data can be found at the [Resource Hub](#)
- Learn more about the accessibility and the Halifax Public Libraries by reading their [Accessibility Plan](#)
- [Questionnaire](#) for Voices of Inclusion: Oral Histories of Indigenous Disability
- Visit the [News and Events webpage](#) and [share your news with us](#)
- More information: accessibility@novascotia.ca

NEWS

[Bridgewater Council approves zoning changes and land donation for daycare](#)
[CBRM buys land next to Centre 200 for transit hub, possible arena expansion](#)
[Halifax mayor says city is past the worst of its housing crisis, advocates disagree](#)
[Halifax Water lifts conservation measures at Lake Major](#)
[Richmond County Looks at Feasibility of Adding Electric and Hybrid Vehicles to the Municipality's Fleet](#)
[Truro and Colchester to explore expanding public transit with feasibility study](#)

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.

- [Active Transportation Fund](#) now open
- [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#), Capital Projects stream is now open. Info sessions available
- [ParticipACTION Community Challenge Grant Program](#) will open Jan 14. Info sessions available
- [Energy Innovation Program](#) has opened two streams for EOI. Mining Decarbonization Demonstration, and National Energy Systems Modelling. Info sessions available
- The federal [Clean Fuels Fund](#) will re-open in January 2025 with a re-vamped program
- [Canada Housing Infrastructure Fund](#) direct delivery stream is open
- [Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund](#) is open
- [Local Food Infrastructure Fund](#) will open on January 13

FCM Funding Opportunities

FCM has you covered with the right type of project funding. Grants are available for planning, studies, and pilot projects. [More information.](#)

PROGRAMS

Janitorial Supply

Keep your facilities clean and safe with the [NSFM/Canoe Janitorial Supply Program](#). From cleaning supplies to waste management, the program provides everything you need to create a healthy environment for your staff and visitors at competitive rates. This program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support.
NSFM/Canoe = Local.

NSFM/Canoe Supplier List: Updated

The [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) provides a diverse range of procurement options for our members. The program continually works to provide 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. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Staples Professional: Office Supply

The [NSFM/Canoe Office Supply Program](#) is a one-stop shop for all office supplies. Staples Professional offers products that are Canadian-made and perfect for home

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Insurance Tips: Worry Free Winter

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.](#)

We know that the only way to enjoy winter is to embrace it. We have put together some tips to help you have a worry-free winter. Refer to our guide on [Insurance Tips for a Worry Free Winter.](#)

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.](#)

GoodLife Fitness Discount

Municipal employees and elected officials can access the **GoodLife Fitness Discount Program.**

Features include:

- 30% corporate discount off club pricing
- access to professionally trained staff, while receiving
- no enrollment fees
- All municipal employees and elected officials are eligible for this program. You do not need to be an AMANS member

Visit our website for more information on the [GLF Membership Discount Program.](#)

To register for the program or obtain more information, contact mbower@amans.ca

WEBINARS

Municipal Flood Resilience in Action Training

Is your municipality prepared to address flood hazards like heavy rainfall, river flooding, and coastal erosion? Equip your team with practical tools and strategies through our *Municipal Flood Resilience in Action Training.*

- Assess and address flood risks using the Municipal Flood Risk Check-Up tool
- Prioritize flood risk actions tailored to your community's unique needs
- Incorporate equity into flood risk mitigation to protect vulnerable populations
- Access funding guidance for meaningful flood risk action
- Small & Medium Communities: January 23
- Coastal Communities: February 20
- Deadline to [register](#) is January 8

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

RESOURCES

[Winter 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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