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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

Municipal Code of Conduct Training Sessions

Secure Your Spot for Municipal Code of Conduct Training

NSFM invites all municipal elected officials and village commissioners to register for the upcoming **in-person Code of Conduct training sessions** this month. These sessions are a valuable opportunity to deepen your understanding of the updated Code of Conduct and equip you with insights to excel as municipal leaders.

While in-person training is not mandatory, it serves as an excellent complement to the mandatory online training module launching in February. The January sessions will be interactive, offering a platform to engage directly with the facilitator and address your questions.

Mandatory Online Training:

Details for the mandatory February online module will be shared with all members and village commissioners by mid-January.

⚠️ Don't Miss Out!

🔗 [View the Training Schedule](#)

🔗 [Find Your Electoral Region](#)

📄 [Register Now to Secure Your Spot!](#)

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 4:00 pm.

Watch as [Belle Hatfield](#), current Board member, shares experiences and discusses the crucial work being done to shape the future of our municipalities.

NSFM Regional Profile

The **Cape Breton-Strait Region** is one of seven regions represented on the NSFM Board. This region consists of the following municipalities:

- County of Antigonish
- County of Inverness
- County of Richmond
- County of Victoria
- District of Guysborough
- District of St. Mary's
- Town of Antigonish
- Town of Mulgrave
- Town of Port Hawkesbury

The representative on the Board of Directors for this region is:

- Councillor Amanda Mombourquette
- amombourquette@richmondcounty.ca

Share Your Ideas: Topics for 2025 NSFM Events

LOOKING FOR TOPIC SUGGESTIONS FOR 2025 NSFM EVENTS

Soon, the NSFM conference planning committees will be meeting to develop the program content for our spring and fall conferences.

As per usual, the committees would appreciate input from the membership in terms of topics you would like to see considered. Our events are a great opportunity for some professional development, and we want you to get the most out of them.

The Committees will review all suggestions received at their initial meetings. Even though we may only be able to accommodate a few suggestions, we sincerely appreciate your input. We will also ensure that those that can't fit into the two major events get considered for webinars or future events.

If you have any suggestions, please provide your topics via e-mail directly to jwebber@nsfm.ca by **JANUARY 24th**.

Application Deadline Extended

The application deadline for the following committees has been **extended until January 31**:

- Climate Change Committee
- E-911 Cost Recovery Committee
- Municipal Group Insurance Oversight Committee
- Municipal Infrastructure Committee
- [Details here](#)

Committee Membership Needed

The Municipal Group Insurance Oversight Committee is seeking two elected officials. This Committee provides a forum for stakeholders to come together, explore issues and challenges, identify opportunities for improvement, and make recommendations around NSFMs' insurance program for commercial, property, and D&O insurance.

- Committee meets five times a year
- All meetings are virtual

Have an interest in this Committee? Please forward your name and a background brief to imorrison@nsfm.ca Deadline: January 31

NEWS

[Annapolis councillor raises question about cost of national conference](#)

[Antigonish mayor proud of milestones heading into 2025](#)

[Lunenburg Council to discuss daycare expansion](#)

[MODL Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile reflects on key priorities for 2025](#)

[Richmond County seeks cull for rising deer population](#)

[Yarmouth in 2025: Mayor Mood talks priorities for new year](#)

FUNDING

Opportunities for Empowered Municipal Growth

The NSFMs 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](#) opens tomorrow. 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](#) now open

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

Transforming Fleet with Trazer Truck Utility System

The [NSFM/Canoe Fleet Upfitting Program](#) provides products, installation, and service from some of the best suppliers in the country and solutions for your entire fleet are at your fingertips. Discover how the [Trazer Truck Utility System](#) can transform fleet efficiency for municipalities and public works. Designed to maximize each vehicle's functionality, this modular system enables quick shifts between tasks, reducing downtime. The adaptable setup allows for streamlined, cost-effective operations, making it an ideal solution for fleets aiming to enhance productivity and adaptability. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support.

NSFM/Canoe = Local.

Bulk Fuel

The [NSFM/Canoe Bulk Fuel Program](#) unlocks unparalleled cost-effectiveness and reliability with a nationwide network of fuel providers at preferred pricing. Designed for organizations with substantial fuel needs or those situated in remote areas, the program ensures fuel availability, cost predictability, and dependable scheduled deliveries, ultimately reducing downtime and enhancing operational efficiency. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support.

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Keep Your Fleet Moving

The [NSFM/Canoe Auto Parts Program](#) partners with **NAPA Auto Parts** to make your budget go further. NAPA has programs designed for both small and large fleet

customers with the most extensive coverage in the automotive aftermarket. A national team of fleet specialists are available to support you and your fleet with inventory support, cost analysis, and reporting to ensure that you always understand your spend and where it's going. [NAPA Promotion](#). The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Pet Insurance

Did you know that you can receive exclusive insurance discounts on pet insurance through BrokerLink's group insurance program? BrokerLink is proud to provide quality insurance products, expertise, and solutions to our sector. Their dedicated group of insurance advisors will compare your coverage options and help get you the most comprehensive coverage at the best value. Did you know that over the past two years there has been an increase in **pet ownership**? Learn more about [pet insurance](#) and refer to tips on how to ensure your pets are safe and living their best life.

[Click here](#) to learn about the program benefits and how BrokerLink can provide you with a **free, no obligations insurance quote**.

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
- no enrollment fees
- All municipal employees and elected officials are eligible for this program. You do not need to be an AMANS member

Visit website for more information on the [GLF Membership Discount Program](#). To register for the program or obtain more information, contact mbower@amans.ca

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 of 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](#).

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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