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## Monday Memo



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### NSFM's PODCAST SERIES

#### 🎧 Episode 2 is Live!



#### Hear from Jim Ryan - Mayor Town of Pictou

#### Highlights from this Episode:

This week, we're featuring **Jim Ryan**, who discusses his feelings behind serving for a third term as mayor and the impacts that the Pictou Cultural Centre project and an expanded waterfront plan are having on the future of the community.

Don't miss this inspiring conversation with one of Nova Scotia's municipal leaders shaping our communities.

🔊 **Listen Now:** Visit the [NSFM Podcast Series](#) to tune in to [Episode 2](#) and catch up on any episodes you may have missed.

**Share the Story:** Join the conversation on social media! Use [#NSFMPodcast](#) and [#MunicipalVoices](#) to share your favorite moments and insights.

Stay tuned for [Episode 3](#) next week, featuring [Cathy Hinton, Mayor Town of Truro!](#)

### PREMIERE - ADVOCACY IN ACTION

#### Equity & Community Wellbeing Committee

On January 16, the **Equity & Community Wellbeing Committee** met to discuss the matter of a basic income guarantee. Specifically, the Committee is studying whether NSFM should advocate that the provincial legislature establish an all-party committee to examine a Basic Income Guarantee program for Nova Scotia. This was an advocacy request received from the Town of Wolfville. The Committee will report back to the NSFM Board at a later date.

### 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY-ELECTION

#### Meet the Candidates for the NSFM Board of Directors

The campaign for **NSFM's 2025 Board of Directors** By-Election is underway!

Learn more about the nominees from the **Cape Breton Strait & Valley Regions**—their backgrounds, aspirations, and dedication to serving our communities.

[Click here for details.](#)

**Voting Period:** January 27 at 8:00 AM – February 4 at 4:30 PM

### CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING SESSIONS

#### In-person Municipal Code of Conduct Training (Not mandatory)

There is still one in-person training session on the code of conduct available.

**Date:** Thursday, January 30th, 2025

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Best Western Plus Bridgewater, Bridgewater

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#### Newly Added Complementary **Virtual** Code of Conduct Training Session (Not mandatory)

We've heard your feedback and have been able to add a virtual training session through zoom for those who were not able to attend the in-person sessions and want to experience that content.

**Date:** Monday, February 3rd, 2025

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

[REGISTER HERE](#) to receive the link information

### Mandatory Online Training Module:

The mandatory online training module will be launched in the coming weeks and will include a quiz at the end. We will inform the membership of the launch date when confirmed.

An email will be sent to all elected officials and village commissioners with a link to a registration form required by NSCC, our partner in delivering this online module. Once registered, when the module is ready to launch, participants will receive login details from NSCC to access the module.

## NSFM REGIONAL PROFILE

### Colchester/Cumberland/Pictou/East Hants Region

Is one of seven regions represented on the NSFM Board. This region consists of the following municipalities:

- County of Colchester
- County of Cumberland
- County of Pictou
- District of East Hants
- Town of Amherst
- Town of New Glasgow
- Town of Oxford
- Town of Pictou
- Town of Stellarton
- Town of Trenton
- Town of Truro
- Town of Stewiacke
- Town of Westville

The representatives on the **Board of Directors** for this region are:

- **Councillor Andy Thompson** [andy.thompson@munpict.ca](mailto:andy.thompson@munpict.ca)
- **Mayor Lennie White** [lennie.white@westville.ca](mailto:lennie.white@westville.ca)

## COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES 2025

### 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 NSFM's 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](mailto:imorrison@nsfm.ca) **Deadline: January 31**

### Application Deadline Extended

The application deadline for the following committees has been extended until (selected deadlines, commencing January 31):

- Climate Change Committee
- E-911 Cost Recovery Committee
- Municipal Group Insurance Oversight Committee
- Municipal Infrastructure Committee
- Property Valuation Services Corporation (deadline: February 14)
- [Details here](#)

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

### Join Clean Foundation's first Community Climate Capacity (CCC) Summit!

NSFM members are invited to the inaugural CCC Summit, bringing together community representatives from across Nova Scotia to share best practices, gain insights, and collaborate on climate and sustainability initiatives.

**WHEN:** March 5-6, 2025

**WHERE:** Sandman Signature Dartmouth Hotel & Suites, Dartmouth, NS

**COST:** Complimentary (travel expenses not included)

#### What to Expect:

- Updates on the CCC program and partner community progress
- Breakout sessions on embedding climate resilience in policies, aligning with funding requirements, and accessing climate data
- Interactive activities and networking opportunities

NSFM's Fund Navigator, Lucy MacLeod, is a confirmed facilitator!

**Register today:** [Click here](#) – spots are filling quickly!

## NEWS

[Approval of Kings County campground reversed following appeal](#)  
[Clare council hosting public meeting on RCMP resources](#)  
[Former encampment dwellers moving to HRM shelter villages](#)  
[Halifax spent nearly \\$1M to fence off, restore Victoria Park after encampment](#)  
[MODG urgently requests meeting with BMO over Canso branch closure](#)  
[Province is willing to re-evaluate tactics to reduce deer population](#)

## 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.

- [Marine Debris Clean Up Program, Shoreline Clean up Steam](#) is open
- [Kal's Reply Fund](#) is open
- [Festival and Community Event Development](#) is open
- [Telus Community Board Grants](#) is open
- [Clean Leadership Summer Internship](#) is open for employers. Info sessions available
- [Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund](#) is open
- [Active Transportation Fund](#) now open
- [Rural Transit Solutions Fund](#), Capital Projects stream is now open. Info sessions available

### 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

### NSFM/Canoe Paint Supply

We live in a world of colour, so why limit your projects to shades of grey? With the [NSFM/Canoe Paint Supply Program](#), you can access a wide range of architectural and commercial paint, wallcoverings, and tools that will help you get the job done right. The program is fully trade compliant, cuts through the administrative hassles, and provides exclusive access to preferential pricing and services. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

### Culverts

Building and maintaining safe, accessible road infrastructure requires access to sound products. The [NSFM/Canoe Culvert Program](#) provides access to a range of drainage, bridge, and road construction products, enabling you to focus on building infrastructure networks that connect residents and economic activity. The 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. View the latest list of [new suppliers and renewed contracts](#). 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.**

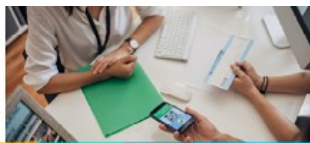
### Insurance Tips: Travel Insurance 101

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 of insurance advisors will compare your coverage options and help get you the most comprehensive coverage at the best value.

[Click here](#) to learn about the program benefits and how BrokerLink can provide you with a **free, no obligations insurance quote**. Thinking about travelling soon? [Travel Tips & Insurance.](#)



### Travel Insurance 101



### 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

## WEBINARS

### Top 10 Climate Disasters in 2024

Dr. Anabela Bonada, Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation, was interviewed about a new report highlighting the **top 10 costliest extreme weather events of 2024**. While the staggering global insured losses are alarming, the devastating loss of lives is heartbreaking. There is much we can do to tackle this crisis: reducing emissions and investing in adaptation measures to protect our communities. [Listen here.](#)

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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