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Monday Memo



NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

NSFM PODCAST SERIES

🎧 Podcast: Episode 7 Now Live + A Sneak Peek at Episode 8!



This week, **Mayor David Mitchell of the Town of Bridgewater** shares insights on his community's partnership with the International Network of Michelin Cities (INMC). He discusses Bridgewater's role in hosting the launch event for the new INMC Corridor of Incubators Agreement and highlights how smaller communities can drive innovation on a global scale.

🔊 Listen now: [Click Here](#)

Coming next in Episode 8: Stay tuned for an engaging discussion with Linda Gregory, Warden of the Municipality of the District of Digby.

NSFM 2025 SPRING CONFERENCE



The NSFM 2025 Spring Conference will be held at the Inn on Prince in Truro from April 30 – May 2. The program is currently being finalized with sessions focusing on Climate Change Frontrunners, Creative Approaches to Citizen Engagement, Navigating Social Media, Coastal Protection, Transforming Surplus Infrastructure into Housing, and much more.

The event will begin April 30 (afternoon), with optional site tours, and conclude May 2 (noon). The official opening will be the morning of May 1. Watch the *Monday Memo* and NSFM website for updates and registration information as the program gets confirmed. We look forward to hosting you in Truro. Click [HERE](#) for hotel information.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

Round 3 Now Open – Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund!

The SCCF is accepting applications for local climate action projects in Nova Scotia. Eligible applicants include municipalities, First Nations, post-secondary institutions, and registered non-profits.

- **Pre-screening deadline:** March 24, at 2 p.m.
- **Full application deadline:** April 22, at 2 p.m.

Join their webinars to learn more:

- **Info Session:** March 11, 10:30 a.m. [Click Here](#)
- **Workbook Session:** April 1, 10:30 a.m. [Click Here](#)

More details & application info: [Click Here](#)

COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

Deadline Extended: Seeking 2 Elected Officials

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

NEWS

[CBRM council votes for police investigation on former mayor's credit card expenses](#)
[CBRM looking to modernize out-of-date data security, records management](#)
[Halifax Firefighters' Union asks municipality to cover cancer screening costs](#)
[Lunenburg hires Interim CAO to replace Hilary Grant](#)
[Nova Scotia opens door for uranium exploration](#)
[Voting open in MODY by-election](#)

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**.

- [AMANS Municipal Wellness Grants](#) open for elected officials and staff
- [Clean Fuels Fund 2.0](#) open
- [EcoAction](#) Fund
 - Stream 1 is open (municipalities ineligible, encouraged to partner)
 - Stream 2 for municipalities will open in the coming weeks
- [Ship and Rail Compensation Canada](#) funding programs added to the database

FCM Funding Opportunities

FCM has you covered with the right type of project funding. Review the [grant page](#) for funding opportunities available for planning, studies, and pilot projects.

PROGRAMS

Building Solutions

The [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) partners with a diverse range of suppliers. [Gordian](#), an approved supplier, is a leading provider of building solutions. Want to streamline your construction projects? [Watch Gordian's video](#) to learn how Job Order Contracting (JOC) accelerates project timelines, fosters collaboration, and delivers high-quality results. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**.

Modernizing Procurement Processes

The [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) represents the collaborative force of municipal associations across Canada working together to make public procurement more efficient. Discover how the City of Saint John transformed its procurement process with bids&tenders, improving efficiency, security, and transparency. Read their success story [here](#). The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**.

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. Refer to the latest promotions from [NAPA](#). The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**.

Insurance Tips: Protect Your Home While Away

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](#).

Going away and leaving your house for extended periods of time can be risky, especially if you do not take proper precautions. To keep your home safe and secure and the grinch out while you are away, refer to our guide on [How to Protect Your Home While You are Away](#).

WEBINARS

Canoe 101: Recording

The **NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program** provides you with cost-effective, compliant purchasing options. If you missed the recent Canoe 101 webinar, you can still access the recording. The webinar gives an overview of how the [Canoe Procurement Group](#) can save you time and money in purchasing and is offered courtesy of [Association of Municipalities of Ontario](#). To view the webinar, click [here](#).

RESOURCES

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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