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Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES

NSFM 2025 SPRING CONFERENCE

THE Changing Landscape OF Municipalities

NSFM Spring Conference
April 30 - May 2, 2025 • Truro, NS

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE NSFM SPRING CONFERENCE YET?

The 2025 NSFM Spring Conference will take place from April 30 – May 2 at the Inn on Prince in Truro, NS.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the conference website. The full program and registration details can be found on the site.



Don't miss out on the early bird registration fee! Fees increase on April 7.

CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

For Elected Officials: Mandatory Online Module Registration

Deadline for completion of the module – April 30, 2025

As indicated in a direct email to all elected officials and village commissioners on March 13, the mandatory Code of Conduct Online Module for Elected Officials is now open for registration. Completion of this module is required to comply with provincial regulations by April 30, 2025.

View the original March 13 registration email [HERE](#).

If you've not already done so, to register: Complete the NSCC online registration form [here](#). From there you will receive automatic emails from NSCC on how to complete the login process.

For login or password issues, contact Beth McCormack at NSCC beth.mccormack@nsc.ca (include your NSCC student ID#).

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

FCM Election Website

Throughout this election campaign, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is advocating to all parties on the need to focus on the key issues affecting Canadians. FCM is advocating for a true **National Prosperity Partnership** in which all orders of government come together to build a stronger future for all. Explore key election priorities for Canadian municipalities of all sizes and find out how you can take action for local solutions to key national issues at FCM's [election website](#).

NEWS

[Antigonish doctor's donation of land paves way for 150 affordable homes](#)
[Antigonish lands contract for major sewage plant upgrades](#)
[Could the tariffs be an opportunity for Canada?](#)
[East Hants council chooses representatives for conferences](#)
[Houston government softens language in transportation bill](#)
[Longtime CBRM solicitor Demetri Kachafanas becomes new CAO](#)
[Nova Scotia municipalities threatened by Premier Tim Houston's transportation bill](#)
[Propane leak quickly resolved in Chester](#)
[Trade war will 'hurt us both.' Canadian delegation tells American municipal leaders](#)
['We are so sorry': Yarmouth mayor hears many apologies while in Washington](#)
[Windsor's costly flood zone fix up for public debate](#)

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**.

- [Provincial Capital Assistance Program](#) open
- [Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program](#) open
- [Municipal Innovation Program](#) open
- [Community Health Board Wellness Funds](#) open
- [Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund](#) open
 - [Workbook Webinar](#): April 1 @ 10:30 am
- [Energy Innovation Program - Clean Fuels](#) open for EOI
 - Includes biofuels produced from organic industrial waste (e.g., sludge from a sewage treatment facility) and source-separated organic municipal solid waste
- [Accelerating Community Energy Systems](#) Deadline extended to March 31
- [Guide to Finding Grants](#) added to website
 - A resource for municipal councillors to help community groups and non-profits find funding for their important projects

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

Athletic Surface

The [NSFM/Canoe Athletic Surface Program](#) provides plenty of surface options, including a wide range of professional turf and flooring options. Get what you need through a simplified procurement process and competitive rates. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local**.

Built for Canada

In the midst of a rapidly changing trade landscape, the [NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program](#) remains a steady partner for the public sector. Our goal is to support and protect the interests of the broader municipal sector by providing flexible, compliant contracts that connect you with the right products and suppliers for your needs.

We are confident that using the [Canoe Procurement](#) standing offer contracts now becomes a more effective tool for municipalities, to evaluate suppliers and establish the best value for their organization to prioritize the need for product availability and local parts and service requirements.

Please read about our new [Built for Canada](#) program and how the NSFM/Canoe Procurement Program is [Helping you navigate a shifting trade landscape](#). More information: andy@canoeprocurement.ca

Facility Assessment

With diverse operations in multiple regions and locations, effectively managing your physical assets can sometimes seem overwhelming. With expert-approved suppliers, such as [Gordian](#), the [NSFM/Canoe Facility Assessment Program](#) provides the asset management expertise you need to operate efficiently. Strategic facilities capital planning goes beyond budgeting. It is about making informed decisions that align with your organization's priorities. However, without accurate facility condition data, prioritizing projects effectively becomes a challenge. Check out the latest [insight from Gordian](#) to learn how to obtain facility condition assessment for strategic capital planning. 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 of insurance advisors will compare your coverage options and help get you the most comprehensive coverage at the best value. [More information](#).

Sharing information online can be fun, especially on social media where you want to keep your friends and family updated with what is going on in your life. Always be careful what, how much, and with whom you share. Please refer to our tips on [Cybersecurity and Protecting Your Data](#).

WEBINARS

Let's Talk Tariffs – Canoe Update

NSFM and Canoe Procurement Group will host a one-hour webinar to provide an overview on recent tariff changes and provide an update on Canoe's response to tariff changes, highlight what is being done to support the municipal sector, and answer your questions. As you register, please take a moment to complete our quick survey. Your feedback helps us tailor our programs to support your procurement goals better.

- **Date:** Thursday April 3

Construction Procurement: Recording

Did you miss the recent webinar on **Cutting Edge Construction Procurement** presented by **NSFM/Canoe**, Gordian, and the Institute for Public Procurement? The session discussed the latest trends and challenges in Canadian construction procurement. Topics included best practices to drive efficiency and value in every project, insights into optimizing procurement strategies, and real-world expertise from leaders in the field. Access the [slide deck](#) and [webinar recording](#).

The Importance of Adaptation

Kathryn Bakos, **Intact Centre for Climate Adaptation**, was interviewed on the **Inevitable** podcast, discussing the impacts of climate change, particularly floods, wildfires, and extreme heat and the importance of climate adaptation to address these areas. The podcast covers why adaptation lags behind mitigation, how resilience saves lives and billions, AI's role in improving mapping and predictions, and actions to reduce wildfire losses and safeguard the vulnerable against deadly heat waves. [Listen](#) to learn of the ways we can use collective effort to adapt to the effects of climate change and build more resilient communities.

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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