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Monday Memo

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION
OF MUNICIPALITIES**NSFM 2025 SPRING CONFERENCE****Early bird rate ends today!**

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

Session Spotlight:**Municipal Climate Change Frontrunners**

Join us for an enlightening session featuring two municipalities at the forefront of climate change adaptation in Nova Scotia. Town of Mahone Bay and the Municipality of the District of Digby will showcase their innovative approaches and initiatives in addressing the impacts of climate change on their communities.



Mahone Bay will lead the discussion, sharing its commendable efforts in envisioning protective measures for its iconic shoreline and implementing climate change action plans. Learn how Mahone Bay's proactive approach has positioned it as a leader in climate resilience.

District of Digby will provide valuable insights into the projects initiated following the completion of their Climate Action Plan in 2013. Discover the challenges, opportunities, and future directions for climate adaptation in Nova Scotia, as Digby shares its experiences and strategies for building resilience.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn from these climate change frontrunners and explore practical approaches to climate adaptation. Join us as we collectively work towards building more resilient and sustainable communities in Nova Scotia.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)**NEW & NOTEWORTHY****Mayors: End Harmful Tariffs**

Last week, FCM representatives and Canadian mayors joined the United States Conference of Mayors and a delegation of Mexican mayors for a tri-national trade summit of local leaders in Washington, underscoring the shared consequences of recent tariffs on workers, industries, and communities in all three countries.

Canadian mayors shared local experiences and data on the economic toll these measures are taking. Together, local leaders issued a united call to bring an end to the damaging tariffs hurting communities across North America. [More information.](#)

FCM - Canada's first National Infrastructure Assessment

The Federal Government's [Canadian Infrastructure Council \(CIC\)](#) is seeking your community's input in an online survey. FCM invites your expertise and insights to help shape the Council's work towards the delivery of Canada's first [National Infrastructure Assessment \(NIA\)](#). The first NIA will focus on the core public infrastructure needed to build more housing: water and wastewater; public transit and active transportation; waste management; and, the impacts on these systems from population growth and climate change. FCM will also make a submission as part of its ongoing collaboration with the Council. For more information contact Lauri Lidstone, Manager of Policy and Research (llidstone@fcm.ca). [Complete the survey before April 14, 2025!](#)

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](#).

[Link: Rural Pride Community Survey](#)

The Truro Pride Society is conducting surveys with municipalities, stakeholders, and Pride organizations across the Maritimes to analyze the needs, challenges, and successes of Pride organizations and the impact they have on their communities. The challenges faced by rural Pride communities can often differ from those in urban areas. This survey will illuminate how municipalities are currently supporting Pride organizations in their community. The information supplied is completely confidential.

- [Survey Link](#)
- More information: info@truropride.ca


NS Mental Wellness Survey


Mental health, substance use, and gambling affect many, yet current data does not fully capture the challenges people face or the factors that support wellbeing. Recognizing that reliable data is essential for informing policies, programs, and services, the [WellNS](#) survey has launched. Please circulate in your networks. The survey is made possible through support from the NS Office of Addictions and Mental Health. More information:


- Visit www.wellnssurvey.ca
- Connect on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [LinkedIn](#)
- Contact wellns_survey@cbu.ca

Celebrate the Workers of the Green Economy

Join Ecology Action Centre (EAC) as they launch their new report, *A Greener Nova Scotia: Addressing Labour Gaps for a Net-Zero Future!*

 Tuesday, April 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

 NSCC IT campus (5685 Leeds St, Halifax)

 RSVP [Here](#) - This event is free and food will be provided

At this launch you will learn about the growing demand for building retrofits in Nova Scotia and the thousands of jobs that will be created in our province's skilled trades workforce. Which green jobs will see the most growth? What barriers exist for workers to enter the skilled trades, and what changes could help?

For more information contact: Chris Benjamin chris.benjamin@ecologyaction.ca

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#).

NEWS

[CBRM council pledges half a million dollars toward university's capital campaign](#)

[Halifax proposes new floodplain rules for Sackville River](#)

[Have ideas to improve Port Hawkesbury? Here is an opportunity!](#)

[Houston government softens language in transportation bill](#)

[Halifax reviews contracts with American firms amid ongoing trade war](#)

[Locals react to Chignecto Isthmus funding announcement](#)

[Who pays for recycling in Nova Scotia is set to change](#)

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**.

- [Low Carbon Communities](#) is open
 - Information session available, register [here](#)
- [Nova Scotia Mineral Resources Development Fund](#) – Communities Grant is open
- [Planning Assistance Program](#) is open
- [Recreation Community Development Grant](#) is open
- [Community Recreation Capital Grant](#) is open
- [Trail Engineering Assistance Grant Program](#) is open
- [Charged](#) EV program, first-come, first-served basis
- [Emerging Destinations Program](#) is open
- [Canada Retraining and Opportunities Initiative](#) Applications now accepted continuously

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

Food Recycling

Good food and shared dining experiences bring people together. Partnering with Sysco, one of the largest food distribution companies in Canada, the [NSFM/Canoe Food Recycling Program](#) provides food services to members across Canada. The program gives your organization access to a huge catalogue of produce, custom cut meats, and dairy, all delivered directly to you. The program works with local retailers for supply, service, and support. **NSFM/Canoe = Local.**

Truck Program

Whether you are transporting freight, construction materials, scrap, or hazardous goods, you need tough, reliable equipment. The [NSFM/Canoe Truck Program](#) provides plenty of choice and has you covered with trucks you can trust for even the biggest jobs, all sourced from top suppliers at the preferential rates. 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. 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

Home Insurance Tips: Backyard Pools

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. Thinking about a backyard pool investment this summer? Read the [Pool Owners Guide](#) to insurance.

Travelling Via Air Soon?

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.](#)

WEBINARS

EAP for Elected Officials: Recording

Did you miss the recent webinar presented by NSFM and AMANS on the **EAP for Elected Officials**? The webinar discussed how to access and navigate the programs and services offered and provided an overview of the new website and app. The program features an extensive number of tools and resources of benefit to elected leaders. You can view the webinar [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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