

1. Police Meeting

Policing is a hot topic for municipalities: What we pay for it, who does it, and what it costs. As these conversations happen all over Atlantic Canada, NSFM has begun work with its colleagues in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island to convene a meeting of municipal leaders to discuss the current state of policing in our communities, our shared concerns, and the potential for addressing these concerns collectively.

A meeting has been proposed for September 28-29 in Halifax and our interest in attending has been sent to NSFM CEO, Juanita Spencer.

2. NSFM Staffing Update

Over the past few months, the staff at NSFM has increased to 11. Some new faces joined to fill new roles, take up the torch from others, and to provide administration of the Sustainable Communities Challenge fund (SCCF). Here is a list of all of the new additions:

Wesley Petite, joined NSFM earlier this fall from the Ecology Action Centre and Dalhousie University as our Policy Advisor. A PhD in Political Science with a specialization in political economy and a wealth of experience in the field has primed Wes to already be a key player in many of our files.

Charlotte Tavenor joined NSFM over the winter as Office Administrator. Originally from Corner Brook, Newfoundland, with an extensive background in theatre, Charlotte spent the past four years in Office Clerk and Administrative Project Coordinator roles at a large architecture firm in Toronto.

Kyle McKenzie is our new Infrastructure and Sustainability Officer. He has extensive research and project management experience in environment and climate change. This includes former roles as a Scientific Advisor, Climate Change Specialist, and part-time faculty member in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Saint Mary's University.

Mary Claire Lake has joined the SCCF as Finance Manager. Mary Claire is a graduate from the Bachelor of Commerce program at Dalhousie University and a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA). Previous employment and consulting experience includes audit management, designing and managing financial control systems, budgeting and financial planning, and a brief stint in tech in Silicon Valley.

Brandon Durkee joined the SCCF team as the Grant Coordinator. A graduate of Acadia University, Brandon has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology along with an HR Management Certificate from George Brown College in Toronto. His most recent position included Project Funding Coordinator

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with the Town of Yarmouth where he navigated funding programs at all three levels of government.

Erica Brook has recently started as Communications and Engagement Officer for the SCCF. Erica will be promoting the Fund to community partners, including traditionally under-represented stakeholders. After graduating with a Bachelor of Community Design from Dalhousie University, she held a number of roles including Active Transportation Engagement Coordinator with the County of Colchester and Engagement Manager with Upland Planning and Design Studio.

They have also made some internal appointments: **Debbie Nielsen** has accepted a position as Lead Program Manager for the SCCF, and **Dani Coffey** has moved from NSFM's Policy Advisor, to Director of Operations.

3. Municipal Observer

The Spring/Summer edition of NSFM's magazine, the Municipal Observer, has been published and can be viewed [here](#).

4. Coastal Protection Act Municipal Focus Group

As the provincial government continues to develop regulations for the Coastal Protection Act (CPA), the Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC) is striking a CPA Municipal Focus Group.

Previous consultation has been fruitful, and municipalities will play an important role in coastal protection under this Act. This focus group will provide further municipal input on proposed refinements and additional details necessary to support the implementation of this Act. ECC is seeking a range of municipal officials to participate in discussions that will inform the final form of the regulations and related materials.

This is an ad hoc focus group; once the work is completed the term of office expires. The term of the work is anticipated to be completed by late Fall of 2022.

If you are interested in joining this focus group, please send a brief explanation of your qualifications to info@nsfm.ca.

A reminder that Monday Memos are sent each Monday to NSFM members by email. The memo has noteworthy items, event highlights, upcoming meeting reminders, media mentions and member messages in one weekly package. Articles and updates from the NSFM Monday Memos can also be found here: <https://www.nsfm.ca/table/news/monday-memo/>.