

NSFM Monday Memo Summary Sheet

August 16 – September 19



1. NSFM Conference

The 2022 NSFM November Conference will take place in-person from November 1st – 4th at the Westin Nova Scotian Hotel in Halifax.

The conference website can be accessed here: <https://pheedloop.com/ServicewithPurpose/site/home/>. The full program, registration and accommodation details are found on the site.

2. Code of Conduct Working Group Survey

As you know, the code of conduct working group (COCWG) has been working diligently on creating recommendations for the different aspects related to municipal and village codes of conduct. The COCWG has finalized their recommendations on content to include in a municipal code of conduct and they would now like your feedback on these recommendations. They are asking that elected officials and senior departmental staff respond individually to the survey. The survey is focused on the standards that elected officials would be expected to adhere to. They ask that you read the [recommended standards](#) in their entirety before completing the survey. The survey will be open to respondents until Friday September 23, 2022 for feedback. Please note, only individual responses to the survey are permitted (not groups), and if you do not finish the survey in its entirety before submitting, you will be able to go back in and resume your response later, if on the same device.

The survey can be access by clicking [this link](#).

Following this consultation, another consultation will take place related to the recommendations made by the COCWG regarding sanctions and the associated process of handling complaints. It is anticipated these consultations will take place in late Fall or early Winter of 2022. More details will be released as they become available.

3. DMAH undertaking a review of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and Halifax Regional Municipality Charter (HRMC)

DMAH is looking at several topics related to the planning and development, modernizing public notice, and selling land below fair market value sections of the MGA. These proposed topics are based on feedback from various sources including the previous MGA Review (2016-18), as well as recent municipal and internal departmental requests.

Responses will be used by the Department to evaluate the efficacy of the proposed changes, implications, and details of implementation.

4. Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture Review of Aquaculture Regulations

The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture is conducting a comprehensive review of the aquaculture regulations within Nova Scotia's Fisheries and Coastal Resource Act. This is the first review since the implementation of the new regulations in 2015. The Department is working towards a deadline of the end of August for input to be gathered.

Stakeholder engagement for the review is being led by consultants Davis Pier, who are seeking input from municipalities. AMANS are also being consulted as part of this process.

To book an engagement session, [click here](#).

5. Update for Meeting on Policing Models for Atlantic Municipalities

The high level of interest that was expressed in taking part in the Atlantic Provincial and Territorial Association (PTA) meeting on policing confirms the pressing need for an in-depth discussion on policing in Atlantic Canada. Our respective PTAs have been working diligently to recruit subject matter experts, organize a plan for the most productive meeting possible, and secure a venue and accommodations for all who will be attending.

The goal is to put together a cost-effective meeting of our organizations that will identify what policing models work best for municipalities across our region. In the interest of this goal, they have determined that postponing this meeting is necessary due to challenges in securing sufficient accommodations. This meeting will be postponed until 2023 in order for our annual conferences, Board elections, and holidays to run their course. This time will also allow us to recruit the best subject matter experts available and plan the most productive joint-PTA meeting possible.

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/>.