

# NSFM Monday Memo Summary Sheet

## July 26 – August 15



### 1. Special Meeting of the Members

Last week NSFM issued a 28-days notice letter to members regarding changes to NSFM by-laws to be moved, seconded and discussed before a vote at a Special Meeting of the Members on September 7, from 6-9 p.m. via video teleconference. You may read more about the pending NSFM Organizational Changes via [this link](#).

Because a vote will be taking place, they are asking all Municipally Elected Officials to register for attendance prior to the meeting by filling out [this form](#).

### 2. Code of Conduct Working Group Survey

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. 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.

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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](#).

### 4. PVSC Letter to Mayors and Wardens re: Municipal Consultation

Since 2007, Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) has provided an Assessment Roll each year to Nova Scotia’s municipalities, in accordance with the Nova Scotia Assessment Act.

With the current economic and social challenges facing Nova Scotia today, they want to hear directly from us about their services and any challenges and priorities we may have. Earlier this month, PVSC sent out [this letter](#) regarding municipal consultations.

They have contracted Jimmy MacAlpine as a Government Relations Officer to assist in their consultations. Over the next couple of months, Jimmy will be reaching out to us directly to connect and gather our input and insights. This information will help inform their client engagements, communications, and services moving forward.

### 5. Expansion of the Seniors Care Grant

The Seniors Care Grant will be expanded to include more services and provide a one-time \$250 emergency heating grant to eligible seniors. This means that seniors applying for the Seniors Care Grant will be eligible for up to a maximum of \$750 this fiscal year. Applications will open on September 1, 2022.

The heating grant will be available to all eligible Nova Scotians 65 and older, including people who have already received the Seniors Care Grant and the Heating Assistance Rebate Program in the past year. The grant is available for the cost of oil, wood, electricity, and other energy sources.

The Seniors Care Grant has also expanded the eligible list of services covered to help seniors stay in their homes longer. This includes the cost of telephone or Internet services, eye exams, dental work, mental health supports, physical therapy, occupational therapy, massage, and foot care.

More information can be found at <https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-help-household-costs-seniors-care-grant>.

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**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/>.**