

NSFM Monday Memo Summary Sheet

March 19 – April 15, 2024



1. NSFM 2024 Spring Conference

Join NSFM for their 2024 Spring Conference, featuring keynote speaker Olympian Brad Gushue, along with sessions on Youth Engagement, Unique Tourism Strategies, Municipal Climate Change Adaptation, and much more.

The conference website is now live and can be accessed here: <https://site.pheedloop.com/event/FutureFocusedMunicipalities/home>. The full program and registration details can be found on the site.

2. Advisory Committee Updates

The Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism, & Heritage (CCTH) and public libraries will partner to develop recommendations to inform government on funding for the next five years. These recommendations will ensure the sustainability and relevance of public libraries. Funding for public libraries is cost-shared by the Province, municipalities, and regional library boards. To ensure that the process is inclusive and representative, a Library Funding Review Committee has been established and meetings will commence in April. A communications plan will be developed to inform stakeholders on committee activities and recommendations.

For more information, email Lynn.Somers@novascotia.ca.

3. Historic MOU Signed

At a signing ceremony held on March 28 at Province House, the Province and NSFM signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The agreement takes effect April 1 and represents a landmark development for Nova Scotia's municipalities.

The signing of the new MOU follows two years of negotiations and a significant investment of time and effort from NSFM, its leadership, and its membership.

A copy of the press release with more information can be found here: <https://news.novascotia.ca/en/2024/03/28/historic-investment-municipalities>.

Photos of the ceremony can be found here: <https://news.novascotia.ca/en/2024/03/28/service-exchange-agreement-signing>.

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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/monday-memos.html>.