

NSFM Monday Memo Summary Sheet

February 20 – March 18, 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.

Registration details and further information will be sent out soon.

2. Advisory Committee Updates

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Chaired by Councillor Fraser Patterson of Victoria County, this committee advises how municipal concerns related to public safety can be collaboratively and effectively addressed.

Key initiatives so far:

- On the recommendation of the Committee, the Board has designated the creation of a voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry or Registries as an advocacy priority for NSFM.
- Review of membership concerns with Rural Cellphone Coverage During Emergencies.
- More information: [Advisory Committee Overview Document](#).

Municipal Autonomy Advisory Committee

Chaired by Warden Alex Morrison of Annapolis County, this committee advises how supporting municipal autonomy can aid progress toward province-wide goals.

Members needed:

- Currently two open positions for elected officials on the Committee.
- Have an interest in exploring municipal autonomy? Forward your name and a background brief to wpetite@nsfm.ca.

Deadline to apply is **March 21**.

General information on Advisory Committees

- Scheduled meetings four times a year, with additional meetings as necessary.
- Committee reviews advocacy issues generated by NSFM member councils and emerging municipal priorities.
- Terms of Reference are available upon request.
- Learn more about Advisory Committees through regular updates via our website, newsletter, and member communications.

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3. Coastal Protection Meeting

On March 6, NSFM facilitated a meeting between the Department of Environment and Climate Change, the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Mayors, Wardens, and CAOs regarding coastal protection measures.

During this session, pertinent discussions were held, and valuable insights were shared to address the concerns surrounding coastal management and climate change adaptation.

For more information on coastal protection and climate change, the public is encouraged to visit <https://novascotia.ca/coastal-climate-change/>. These resources offer insights and guidance on safeguarding our coastal communities against the impacts of climate change.

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>.