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NSFM UPDATE TO CBRM

Committee of the Whole

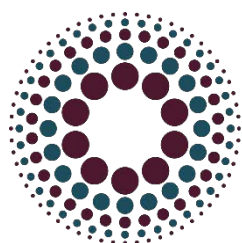
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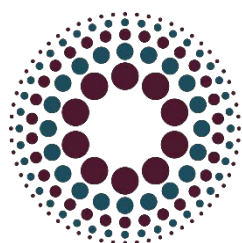
UPDATE ITEMS

1. NSFM By-law Changes
2. Transportation planning
3. MGA Updates
4. Policing & Fire Services



NSFM BY-LAW UPDATES

- Most of the proposed changes (9 of 16) are housekeeping items.
- In addition to direct member emails outlining the changes, a meeting took place on September 29th to discuss with membership. Another meeting is scheduled for October 23rd.
- Two proposed changes related to member meetings and Board composition are generating the most discussion:
 - Creating the possibility for member-only meetings
 - Removing the AMANS representative from the NSFM Board

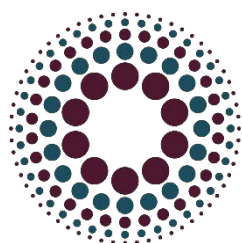


BY-LAW CHANGES

Motion #3: Deletion of 3.6 (c) in Right of Members

Be it resolved that NSFM amend Section 3.6 (c) of its by-laws as follows:

- may send municipal staff to Members' Meetings as advisors to Elected Municipal Officials unless the Board decides that a Members' Meeting calls for discussion among Elected Municipal Officials exclusively. Staff advisors shall not have voting rights but shall be entitled to speak when attending at such meetings;

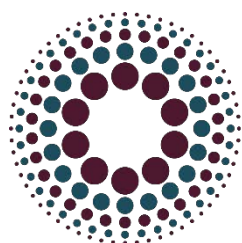


BY-LAW CHANGES

Motion #5: Amendment to 5.2 (a) in Composition

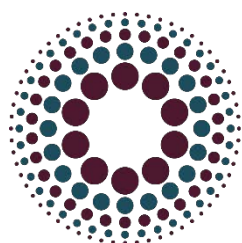
Be it resolved that NSFM amend 5.2 (a) of its by-laws as follows:

- The Board of Directors consists of sixteen ~~seventeen~~ (16~~7~~) members:
- i. the President,
- ii. the Vice President,
- iii. the Past President,
- iv. two (2) Regional Representatives from the Cape Breton-Strait Electoral Region,
- v. two (2) Regional Representatives from the Cumberland-Colchester-Pictou-East Hants Electoral Region,
- vi. two (2) Regional Representatives from the Valley Electoral Region,
- vii. two (2) Regional Representatives from the Southwestern Electoral Region,
- viii. two (2) Regional Representatives from the Southern Shore Electoral Region,
- ix. two (2) Regional Representatives from Halifax Regional Municipality,
- x. one (1) Regional Representative from Cape Breton Regional Municipality,
- ~~xi. a representative appointed by the Association of Municipal Administrators.~~



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

- NSFM supports transit in our communities but needs to be at the table in determining design and understanding impact.
- This fall we saw an amendment to the Municipal Modernization Act (MMA) to facilitate a statute called An Act to Control Development Around Transportation Corridor Lands.
- The above will enable the province to designate priority transportation projects and adjacent lands for future transportation and infrastructure development.
- Particularly relevant in urban/urbanizing areas.



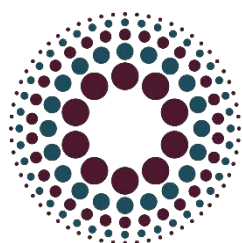
MGA UPDATES

Additional MGA Amendments facilitated through the Municipal Modernization legislation include:

- Allowing the Minister of Municipal Affairs to designate lands for childcare facilities that are exempt from municipal planning and permitting processes.
- Provisions for municipal councils to create policy on tax relief from property owners impacted by wildfire or a natural disaster who have rebuilt their structures.

Halifax Regional Municipality Charter:

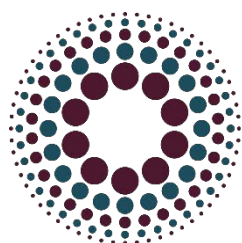
- The Minister can require council to amend its planning documents within a prescribed timeline and set requirements for public participation.



FIRE SERVICES

The Fire Safety and Services Act (FSSA) received first reading. The Act establishes a plan for creating a new legislative framework for fire prevention following six months of consultation.

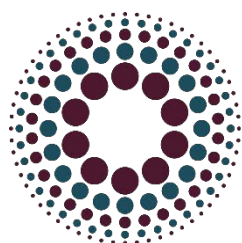
- Potential concerns around downloaded responsibilities without the necessary resources to fulfill.
- Consultation is mandated to include municipalities. NSFM will be participating in the consultation, and members are encouraged to do so as well.



POLICING

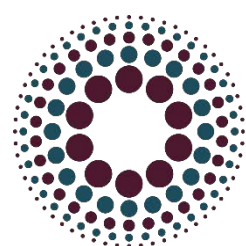
NSFM staff provided an analysis of the Comprehensive Policing Review completed by Deloitte to the NSFM Board of Directors.

- Meeting with elected officials and the Department of Justice facilitated by NSFM in August to hear about the report.
- NSFM corresponded with DoJ regarding questions and concerns with report and its implications for municipal police agencies.
- Ongoing correspondence between the DoJ and NSFM is taking place to address policing issues. Most recently (October 6), questions from members from the August meeting were compiled and forwarded to DoJ.





QUESTIONS?



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