



## NSFM 2021 Virtual Conference

Wednesday, Nov 03

08:45 AM - 09:45 AM

### Opening Ceremonies

#### Emily Lutz

Deputy Mayor, Municipality of the County of Kings

Remarks by Conference Planning Chair, Councillor Wayne Mason, HRM Greetings from Presenting Sponsor (tbc)  
Remarks by Deputy Mayor Emily Lutz, NSFM President Greetings from Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Province of Nova Scotia (tbc) Remarks by Juanita Spencer, CEO, NSFM Greetings from AMANS  
President Presentation of Climate Change Leaders Award Presentation to Carbon Surcharge Recipient

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09:45 AM - 10:45 AM

### Focus : What can you achieve in the next four years?

#### Keynote

#### Jeremiah Brown

Olympic silver medallist, world record breaker, bestselling author, former athlete wellness and transition leader at the Canadian Olympic Committee

What is waiting for you on the other side of adversity? In this keynote, you'll experience a rollercoaster journey full of insights on working through uncertainty, forging self-leadership, blasting through doubt, staying mentally resilient, and building and inspiring council trust from one of the fastest Olympians ever to go from his parents' couch to the Olympic podium. Jeremiah Brown challenges common notions of what it means to stay resilient in the pursuit of excellence, how to adapt to forces outside of one's control and stay the course when the pressure is on, all while encouraging a healthy dose of self-compassion ...

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## Prioritize Your Wellbeing and Mental Health: Tools and Practices for Elected Officials

"Wellbeing is about understanding and attending to your deepest needs so you can navigate problems, think clearly and lead with integrity."

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### Derrick McEachern

Registered Counselling Therapist and Canadian Certified Counsellor, Author, Founder, Five Star Wellbeing Counselling and Mental Health

When you are under stress, it can impact how you think, how you see yourself, how you work and how you connect with others. Prior to the pandemic, mental illness cost the economy roughly \$15 billion USD annually. Stress alone was identified by 72% of employees as a leading cause of mental health problems and was the reason one-in-four employees left their job. The COVID-19 Pandemic has placed additional stress on leaders, elected officials and their families. It's affected life at home, threatened physical health, financial stability, and disrupted normal work routines. Now more than ever, we need leaders who ...

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## Cyber Security - Are you Ready for an Attack?

Presented by Association of Municipal Administrators, NS

Concurrent

What if your municipality gets held for ransom, do you have a plan? What do you, as elected officials, say to the public and to the media? On November 15, 2020 the following appeared on the City of Saint Johns FaceBook page: The City of Saint John is notifying the public that the municipality has experienced a significant cyber attack. As a result, all City information technology systems have been shut down until further notice. This includes access to [www.saintjohn.ca](http://www.saintjohn.ca), online payment systems, email and customer service applications. We can confirm that the 911 communication centre remains operational.....This is not ...

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## Lunch Break

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01:00 PM - 02:15 PM

## Success Stories - Short Snappers

Showcasing six municipal success stories

### Panel Discussion

**Amanda Mombourquette**

Warden, Municipality of the County of Richmond

**Brenda Chisholm-Beaton**

Mayor, Town of Port Hawkesbury

**Brianna Maxwell**

Planner, FBM

**Bruce Morrison**

Warden, Municipality of the County of Victoria

**David Patterson**

Planner, FBM

**Dwayne Hunt**

Fire Services & EMO Coordinator, Municipality of the District of Barrington

**Eddie Nickerson**

Warden, Municipality of the District of Barrington

**Penny Smith**

Warden, Municipality of the District of Shelburne

**Shawn Andrews**

Deputy CAO, Municipality of the District of Guysborough

**Warren MacLeod**

Director of Economic Development, Municipality of the District of Shelburne

Barrington Fire Services - Municipality of the District of Barrington - Since the early 2000's, the Municipality of Barrington and its volunteer fire departments have worked together to improve the Municipal Fire Service. By working collaboratively with the needs and safety of the residents at the forefront, the Municipality has been able to develop a first-class service that is also cost-conscious. Through an extensive restructuring process, the service now includes three strong, stable, well-trained, and well-equipped fire departments that serve the 7,400 residents of the Municipality and the Town of Clark's Harbour. Join them to learn more about how they implemented ...

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## TBA

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03:30 PM - 04:30 PM

## Are you FOIPOP Ready?

Walking the line between privacy and the public's right to Access of Information

**Sandy Jenkins**

Associate, Cox and Palmer

This session will provide an overview of the privacy and access provisions contained in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy section of the Municipal Government Act, and the municipal information and records subject to access and privacy rules. Participants will review the obligations and best practices for their municipality with respect to the collection, use, and disclosure of information.

Thursday, Nov 04

08:45 AM - 09:30 AM

## Premier Tim Houston (tbc)

Leader of the Nova Scotia PC Party

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Premier, Province of Nova Scotia, Leader of the Nova Scotia PC Party

Thursday, Nov 04

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM

## Update from FCM

**Joanne Vanderheyden**

President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities

FCM President Joanne Vanderheyden will update delegates on FCM initiatives.

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## The Climate Crisis and Municipal Governments: Mobilizing for the Climate Emergency

Keynote

### Seth Klein

Team Lead and Director of Strategy, The Climate Emergency Unit

Seth's talk will draw upon his book, *A Good War: Mobilizing Canada for the Climate Emergency* (ECW Press, 2020). He explores how we can align our politics and economy with what the science says we must do to address the climate crisis. But Seth brings an original and uniquely hopeful take to this challenge. The book is structured around lessons from the Second World War – the last time Canada faced an existential threat. Others have said we need a “wartime approach” to climate change, but this is the first book to delve into what that could actually look like. ...

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## How Asset Management Can Help Address the Infrastructure Deficit

Concurrent

### Ahmad Shahwan

Manager of Municipal Infrastructure, Department of Municipal Affairs & Housing

### Jason MacDonald

CAO, Town of Amherst

### Lauri Lidstone

Policy Advisor, Infrastructure and Transportation Policy Lead, Federation of Canadian Municipalities

The 2019 Canadian Infrastructure Report Card shows that a large portion of our infrastructure is aging and in poor condition, reinforcing the need for long-term investments in public assets that support our quality of life in communities. In this session, FCM will provide an overview of the state of municipal infrastructure and demonstrate how the Municipal Asset Management Program has been working to address our infrastructure deficit. Also, the Town of Amherst will share how it is building its asset management practices to support sound infrastructure decisions. Finally, the Department of Municipal Affairs & Housing will provide a snapshot of ...

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## Funding Municipal Success

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### Chris Storseth

Economic Development Manager, Communities & Inclusive Growth, Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency

### Emilie Marleau

Advisor, Programs Outreach, Green Municipal Fund, Federation of Canadian Municipalities

### Grace Cavanagh

Program Analyst, Infrastructure Canada

### Kurt Laskow-Pooley

Business Development Officer, Divert NS

### Wayne Matheson

Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage

This session will provide information on various funding programs that support important municipal initiatives - including green infrastructure, accessibility and waste management. In a series of brief presentations, representatives from a range of organizations will provide program details and guidelines for accessing funding to make our communities more sustainable, inclusive and prosperous.

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## Role of Municipalities in the Circular Economy

### Douglas Mulhall

Environmental Health & Circular Economy developer, Elastrin Therapeutics

### Katja Hansen

Chief Scientific Advisor, Cradle to Cradle NGO

### Robert Cervelli

Executive Director, Centre for Local Prosperity

In this interactive session, the Centre for Local Prosperity in collaboration with Europe's leading Circular Economy experts answer these questions; What is the circular economy? How does it help adapt to climate change? Who will it benefit here in Nova Scotia? How does it save costs? Do I have to pay for it? You won't just be a passive listener! To gain the full benefits, be ready to tell us what you think you're already doing right through the PheedLoop chat function after you've heard what this is all about.

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## Prize Draw

Stick around for the possibility of winning a great prize! you must be present to win!

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