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## Member meeting on policing

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 Atlantic Ballroom       Plenary

November 8, 2023  
8:15 AM - 9:30 AM

## Opening Session

- Remarks by Conference Chair - Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
- Greetings from Host Municipality - Mayor Mike Savage, HRM (tbc)
- Remarks by NSFM President - Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton, Town of Port Hawkesbury
- Greetings from the Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Dept of Municipal Affairs & Housing (tbc)
- Greetings from President, AMANS
- Greetings from Presenting Sponsor - Nova Scotia Power, An Emera Company

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**Honourable John Lohr**  
Minister, Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing



**Mayor Brenda Chisholm-Beaton**  
President, NSFM, Town of Port Hawkesbury

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November 8, 2023  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

## Keynote: Local Governments are leading the world in innovation - but don't tell the provinces or they might wake up!

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David Miller is the former Mayor of Toronto (2003-2010) and is currently the Managing Director of the C40 Centre for City Climate Policy and Economy. In his time as the Toronto Mayor he was widely admired for the innovative policies and actions implemented by Mayor and council - on the environment and climate change; transit;

social inclusion; positive and successful relationships with suburbs and regional towns large and small, and more. Mayor Miller regularly delivers keynotes at international events and will join us this year to speak to lessons he learned from his 16 years in local politics as a City Councillor and Mayor. From building public support for innovative policies, like addressing climate change, to dealing with our "friends" at the Province - his

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**David Miller**

Managing Director, C40 Centre for City Climate Policy and Economy | Former Mayor City of Toronto



Mezzanine & Commonwealth B



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10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

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Harbour Suites, Lower Level

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November 8, 2023  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## Supply, Preservation & Affordability: Nova Scotia's Provincial Housing Programs

## Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The province recognizes and values the role of municipalities in addressing the housing crisis. At this session, staff from the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing will provide an overview of various housing programs available to support development and citizen needs. Staff will also discuss ways the department can support municipalities when interacting with the federal government to pursue housing solutions.



**Michelle Wayne**

Executive Director, Housing Programs and Services, Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Atlantic Ballroom

Concurrent

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11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## The Impact of the Province's Population Growth Strategy

A panel discussion

Nova Scotia has surpassed one million people – a record since July 2021. The provincial government has identified economic growth as a key priority and has set a target to double the population by 2060. Join panel members including, David Miller, former Mayor of Toronto, Halifax Mayor Mike Savage, and the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration as they discuss the impacts of this economic strategy and how it will impact Nova Scotia's municipalities.



**David Miller**

Managing Director, C40 Centre for City Climate Policy and Economy | Former Mayor City of Toronto



**Mayor John Savage**

Halifax Regional Municipality

Commonwealth A Luncheon



November 8, 2023  
12:10 PM - 1:10 PM

## Delegates' Luncheon

Sponsored by Finance and Treasury Board - Municipal Finance Division



Atlantic Ballroom Plenary

November 8, 2023  
1:25 PM - 1:45 PM

## Remarks by NSFM CEO Juanita Spencer



**Juanita Spencer**  
CEO, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities

Atlantic Ballroom Plenary

November 8, 2023  
1:45 PM - 2:45 PM

## Always a 'work in progress' - the Provincial-Municipal Relationship: Lessons from Ontario



Constitutional and financial terms, municipalities are also crucial to meeting many provincial objectives, which today includes increasing the supply of affordable housing.

Municipalities today face ever-widening responsibilities and increased public expectations, despite their limited financial resources, including operating 60% of Canada's public infrastructure on less than 10 cents of each Canadian tax dollar.

Ontario municipalities have been through a succession of fiscal and program reforms and "service-exchanges" over the past several decades. Recently, the Ontario

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**Michael Fenn**  
Senior Advisor, StrategyCorp



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2:45 PM - 3:15 PM

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3:15 PM - 5:15 PM

## Conversation Series: Networking Tables

The Conversation Series is your opportunity to network with your fellow municipal colleagues through short, informal, discussions on various topics such as: Climate

Change Mitigation Projects, Asset Management, Municipal Finance, Municipal Consolidation, Active Transportation, Roads, etc. We are inviting members to have conversations rotating through several different tables, each with a different topic of discussion. Tables will change at 20-minute intervals. Deputy Ministers and senior staff from the province have been invited to sit at various tables and the NSFM Board will facilitate some of the discussions.

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**Westin Lobby**      Interactive Activity

November 9, 2023  
6:30 AM - 7:15 AM



## Weather Permitting

Join Rebecca Kolstee of AMANS on a harbourfront walk to start your day. Please join Rebecca in the Westin Lobby by 6:25 a.m.

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## MEDAVIE

**Atlantic Ballroom**      Plenary

November 9, 2023  
8:00 AM - 8:40 AM

## Honourable Gudie Hutchings, MP (tbc)

Federal Minister of Rural Economic Development



**Honourable Gudie Hutchings MP**  
Minister of Rural and Economic Development

**Atlantic Ballroom**      Plenary

November 9, 2023  
8:40 AM - 9:00 AM

## Federation of Canadian Municipalities Update



**Mayor Scott Pearce**  
President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities

**Atlantic Ballroom**      Plenary

November 9, 2023  
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

## Honourable John Lohr, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

On behalf of Premier Houston



**Honourable John Lohr**  
Minister, Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Atlantic Ballroom Panel

November 9, 2023  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

## Provincial Ministers' Panel



Mezzanine & Commonwealth B Networking canoe

November 9, 2023  
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

## Networking Break/Viewing of Exhibits

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Atlantic Ballroom AGM

November 9, 2023  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## Annual General Meeting

- Presentation of NSFM Audited Statements
- Motion re Dues
- Board Election Results

- Incoming President Remarks
- NSFM Member Services Update

Commonwealth A Luncheon Intact

November 9, 2023  
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

## Delegates' Luncheon

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Atlantic Ballroom Plenary

November 9, 2023  
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM

## The Honourable Zach Churchill (tbc)

Leader of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party



**The Honourable Zach Churchill**  
Leader of the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia



Commonwealth A Interactive Activity

November 9, 2023  
1:50 PM - 2:45 PM

## Light it up!

Live Game Show

Get Set for Classic TV Game Shows Meets Nova Scotia Charm! Hey, game show enthusiasts and thrill-seekers! Brace yourselves for an exhilarating adventure like no other – welcome to

"Light It Up"! This is a combination of legendary TV game shows from the good ol' days with the captivating essence of Nova Scotia, Canada. If you've ever wished you could be a contestant on "Survivor" "Wheel of Fortune," "Jeopardy," — now's your chance? Your dream is about to come true! Immerse yourself in the electrifying world of game shows, where you'll be part of the action and excitement. Game Show Trivia: Test your game show expertise with brain-teasing questions that'll keep you on your toes. Prizes and ultimate bragging rights await the ultimate game master! Nova Scotia Quests: Embark on riveting challenges that will require you to decode clues, solve

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Tyler Hayden CSP



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2:45 PM - 3:15 PM

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Plenary

November 9, 2023

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

## Honourable Claudia Chender

Leader of the Nova Scotia New Democratic Party



Honourable Claudia Chender

Leader of the Nova Scotia New Democratic Party

Atlantic Ballroom

Concurrent

November 9, 2023

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

## Bridges Within and Between: Strengthening Municipal Connections with Equity-Seeking Communities

Many municipalities experience a sense of "stuckness" and aren't sure how to progress in (or even start) their equity, diversity, and inclusion efforts. This session aims to change that by delving into essential postures and practices that municipalities can immediately practice in order to forge stronger and meaningful connections with equity-seeking communities, engage in authentic dialogue and meaningful change, and build a more equitable community for all residents.



Dr. Willow Anderson

Founder and Principal Consultant, Social Fabric Institute Inc.

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November 9, 2023

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

## Natural Infrastructure for Municipalities

Green infrastructure, natural infrastructure, nature-based solutions: no matter what you call it municipalities are increasingly incorporating nature into public works as an alternative approach to infrastructure. How viable is this? Is it cost effective? Does it offer greater resiliency in our changing climate? The first presentation will be about urban forests and the climate change mitigation and adaptation services trees can provide. The second presentation will be about a cost-benefit analysis framework and decision-making tool for municipalities to support decision-making and implementation of nature-based solutions to coastal erosion, stormwater surges, and inland flooding. A question-and-answer period will follow, in which municipal leaders can inquire as to how these techniques and tools can be applied in their communities.





**Lilian Barraclough**  
Research and Knowledge Initiative Project Coordinator, New Brunswick Environmental Network




**Peter N. Duinker, PhD**  
Sylveritas Ltd.

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November 9, 2023  
6:15 PM - 7:00 PM

## Reception

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## Banquet

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November 10, 2023  
8:00 AM - 8:55 AM

## Raising the Bar: Safety Leadership for Municipal Success

Sponsored Session: Construction Safety Nova Scotia

Join MJ MacDonald, CEO, Construction Safety Nova Scotia as she speaks to the roles and responsibilities of municipalities in both capital project oversight, as well as operational areas of

accountability. She'll also discuss the benefits of safety systems and management as a strategic priority, safety culture and mental health from a safety perspective.



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**MJ MacDonald**  
CEO, Construction Safety Nova Scotia

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## Rising to the Challenge: Building Resilience & De-escalation Skills

During this interactive training session, attendees will be taught concepts and tactics regarding how to handle a situation as an elected official. The session will cover how to deal with a disruption in a council meeting or public event, general one on one public confrontations, and active threat/lockdown steps. Attendees will leave with new tools to implement, and feeling more confident when confronted with these stressful situations .



**Chris O'Brien**  
Principal-President, Ridgeback Security Inc.



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November 10, 2023  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

## Emergency Preparedness - Lessons Learned

Nova Scotia has been hit by multiple disasters over the past couple of years, having a huge impact on our communities. Join panel members as they discuss lessons learned and future preventative measures.

### Provincial Emergency Measures Office

EMO will look at providing an overview of the Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office, its mandate, and the National Alert Ready System and how it is used across the province. Attendees will also learn about NSEMO's emergency management training and exercising priorities as it relates to enhancing emergency preparedness at the local level while adhering to best practices. A

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BL **Bill Lawlor**  
Atlantic Director of Strategic and Government Relations, Canadian Red Cross

JM **Jason Mew**  
Director, Incident Management Division, Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office

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10:05 AM - 11:00 AM

## Presenting Sponsor: Nova Scotia Power

A Fireside Chat with President & CEO Peter Gregg

Nova Scotia Power provides 95% of the generation, transmission and distribution of electrical power to approximately 540,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers across Nova Scotia. The company is focused on new technologies to enhance customer service and reliability, reduce emissions and add renewable energy. Nova Scotia Power has over 2000 employees.

 **Peter Gregg**  
President & CEO, Nova Scotia Power

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## Municipal Success Stories


Our municipalities have developed many great programs and services for their communities. Join our panel as we explore the following three successful initiatives:

### Seek Wilderness Accommodations - Town of Truro

Seek Wilderness Accommodations offers unique, experiential accommodations right on Victoria Park, Truro. Seek encourages people to explore Victoria Park, the Town of Truro, Colchester County, as well as the Northern Region, as it's strategically located in the "Hub" of Nova Scotia. Seek is a privately owned business, but was built in strategic partnership with the Town of Truro and with the support of ACOA to help support Tourism in the region. Since opening in December

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 **Deputy Warden Nicole Albright**  
Municipality of the District of Argyle

 **Miriah Kearney**  
My Home Apparel

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## Draws and Closing

Be sure to stick around for the Grand Prize Draw! Two nights stay at the Westin Hotel.

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