

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

2026 AGM Speaker Sessions, Roundtables, and Workshops

Issued by: Nova Scotia Non-Profit Housing Association (NSNPHA)

Event theme: Stronger Together: Building the Sector, Delivering Homes

Event date(s): June 15–17, 2026 (*sessions scheduled over 1–1.5 days within this window; final schedule TBD*)

Location: Cape Breton Regional Municipality, NS (*venue TBD*)

Submission deadline: March 30, 2026. Please indicate intent to respond by February 27, 2026.

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Introduction

The NSNPHA AGM and Education Day is an annual event hosted by the Nova Scotia Non-Profit Housing Association. For 2026, we are seeking proposals from speakers and facilitators who can share their skills, experiences, and insights to ensure the event provides valuable learning opportunities.

The theme for our 2026 AGM and Education Day is *Stronger Together: Building the Sector, Delivering Homes*. The goal of the day is to emphasize collaboration and shared solutions in Nova Scotia's non-profit housing sector, where participants leave with practical tools, strengthened capacity, and increased confidence to move projects forward together.

AGM and Education Day Speaker Topics

We are seeking dynamic speakers to address any of the following key topics that align with the theme and objectives in speaker sessions or roundtables:

- Sector collaboration and collective impact
- Innovative housing development and modern methods of construction
- Policy and regulatory frameworks impacting the housing sector, specifically affordable housing
- Community-led housing initiatives
- Financing, funding, and innovative capital
- Building organizational capacity to scale
- Equity, First Voice & community-centred housing
- Other sessions in alignment with the event theme and goals

We are also seeking proposals for workshops to provide attendees with practical, hands-on learning opportunities. Potential workshop topics could include:

- Mergers, partnerships, and shared-service models (e.g., structures, governance, and implementation)
- Pro forma development and use of financial analysis tools (e.g., feasibility, sensitivity testing, funding stack, scenario planning)
- Asset management and capital planning (e.g., lifecycle planning, reserve strategy, prioritization)
- Project and organizational readiness (e.g., project readiness, capacity assessment, systems, and staffing)
- Risk analysis and mitigation (e.g., identifying key risks, risk registers, mitigation planning)
- Strategic planning and program evaluation (e.g., defining goals, measuring outcomes, continuous improvement)
- Other workshops in alignment with event theme and goals

Speaker Eligibility & Qualifications

We welcome proposals from:

- Housing and urban development experts
- Policy analysts and government representatives
- Community leaders and non-profit organizations
- Academics and researchers in housing and social policy
- Developers and architects specializing in affordable housing
- Professionals with experience working on affordable housing projects

Presentation Formats

We are accepting proposals for:

- Keynote presentations (45-60 minutes)
- Speaker sessions (45-60 minutes)
- Panel discussions or roundtables (45-60 minutes)
- Fireside chats or case study presentations (30-45 minutes)
- Workshops (60-90 minutes)

Proposal Submission Requirements

Interested speakers should submit a proposal including:

1. Session title and topic area (aligned with the theme)
2. Abstract for inclusion in event program (250–500 words)
3. Speaker/facilitator bio (max 250 words)
4. Headshot (high resolution)

5. Relevant experience (e.g., prior speaking/facilitation, project examples, publications) (optional)
6. Preferred session type (keynote / session / panel-roundtable / fireside-case study / workshop) and proposed duration
7. Audio/visual or technical requirements

Please also indicate your consent regarding: audio/video recording of your session; use of photos/video for promotional/archival purposes; and sharing slides/materials with attendees after the event.

Deliverables

1. Prepared, engaging session aligned with the agreed format and timing
2. Presentation Materials (e.g., slides, handouts, or visual aids) at least one (1) month before the event for review and preparation.
3. Active participation in Q&A and networking sessions.
4. Provide a brief post-event summary or key takeaways.

Technical Execution

We ask that speakers arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes before the presentation and adhere to the event schedule and time limits.

Compensation & Benefits

Selected speakers may receive an honorarium, travel reimbursement, and complimentary event registration. Details will be discussed upon selection.

Submission Process

Please email proposals as a single PDF to devan@nsnpha.com with the subject line "Proposal Submission—2026 AGM and Education Day." The deadline for submissions is March 30, 2026. Selected speakers will be notified by April 29, 2026. (Optional: provide intent to respond by February 27, 2026.)

Contact Information

For questions or additional information about the theme and topics, please contact Devan Bell (Capacity Building and Programs Coordinator, NSNPHA) at the email address above.