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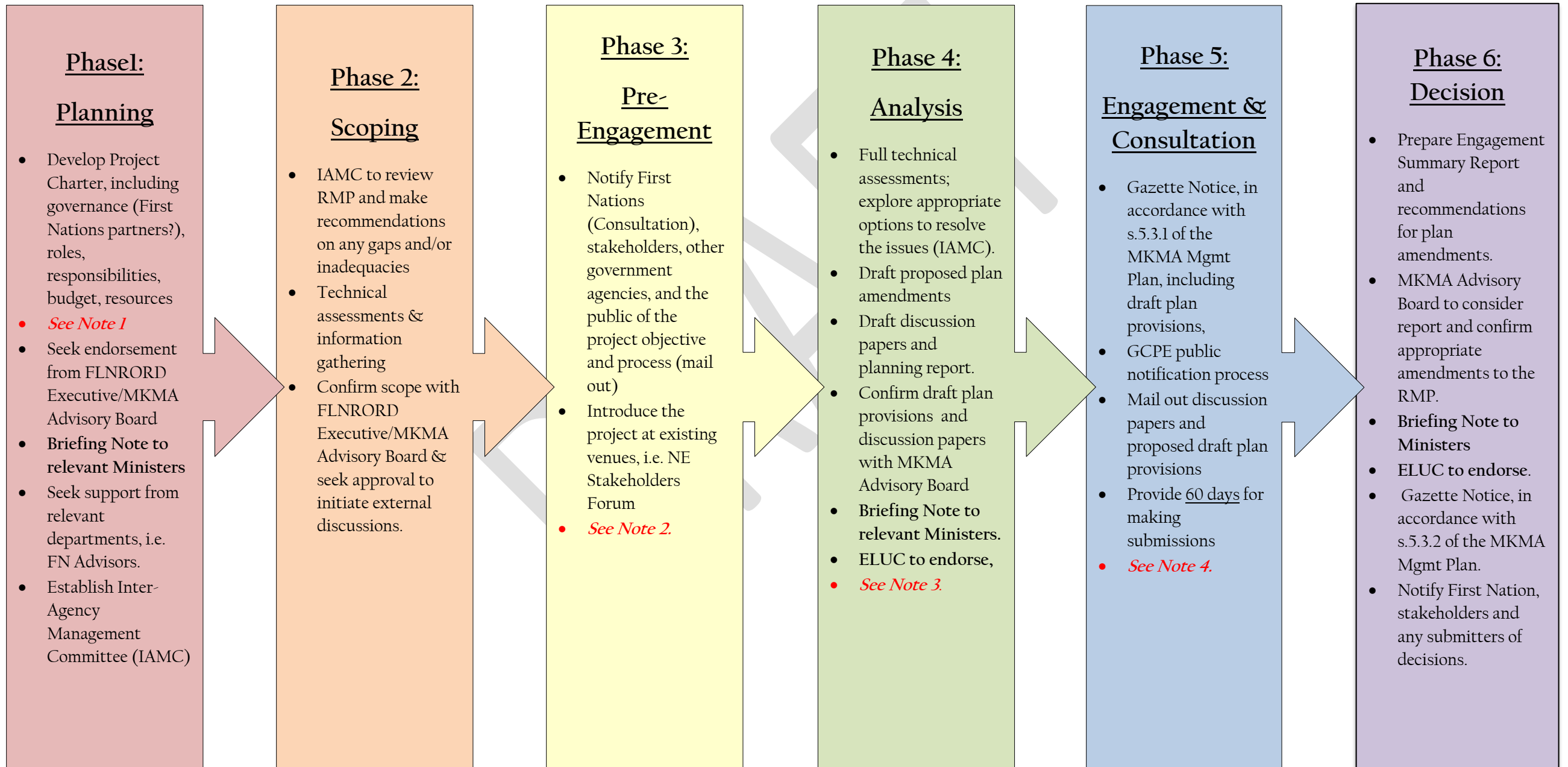
Do we want to enhance the role of First Nations in this planning process? Mirror the relationship in the LRMP process? Or has the Muskwa Kechika governance determined an appropriate role/responsibilities for First Nations?

Is the Inter-agency management committee operating? Is there an intention to operationalize this group/functions? If yes, what role should they play in the plan change?

Pursuant to clause 3.1(c) of the MKMA Management Plan, a Recreation Management Plan needs to be approved by the Ministers of Environment, Lands and Parks, the Minister of Forests, and the Minister of Small Business, Tourism and Culture. ELUC would include the first two, but does not represent SBTC? How should that approval be approached, with Ministries not reformed? Is Tourism the key?

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Note 1: First Nations within the MKMA include Fort Nelson FN, Prophet River FN, Kaska Dena FN, Lower Post FN and Halfway River FN; a portion of the MKMA is within the area covered by Treaty 8. It is recommended that discussions with FN are initiated in the planning phase to establish a two-tiered relationship, as partners (governance) and as land managers (statutory consultation). The exact nature of the partnership (governance) with First Nations will need to be determined through discussions with the Nations. However, it is recommended that the Province take the lead of document development and process management, and provide early notification of these matters to FN. All reasonable attempts should be made to accommodate/mitigate any concerns raised, but not attempt to reach consensus. (Might want to seek advice from FLNRORD executive first on preferred nature of FN relationship for this process.)

Note 2: Greater collaboration at this stage could involve more opportunity for FN, stakeholder and public input into scoping any potential issues with the existing plan; parties could provide input into the identification of issues/inadequacies with the plan and their recommendations to resolve the issue through written submissions, interviews, and/or workshops.

Note 3: Prior to ELUC, the relevant documents will need to go to ADMs and DMs (in addition to regional executive and MKMA AB noted above), would this be NESAC, NEMC, ADM CNR, and/or DM CNR?

Note 4: Greater collaboration with First Nations, stakeholders and the general public could involve open houses and/or workshops to present and discuss the Discussion Papers and Draft Plan Provisions.