



Land Use Planning and Northern BC Land Use Plans

Presentation at Muskwa-Kechika Advisory
Board

November 7, 2023

Relevant BC Mandate Priorities

- “Continue to transform the management and **stewardship of our waters, lands and resources, together with First Nations, and work toward modern land use plans** and permitting processes rooted in science and Indigenous knowledge that consider new and cumulative impacts to the land base.” (WLRs 2022 Mandate Letter)
- “Today, the governments of Canada and British Columbia, and the First Nations Leadership Council signed a first of its kind, **tripartite framework agreement to protect and conserve biodiversity, habitats, and species at risk in the province**. The Framework Agreement enables action rooted in recognition of First Nations title and rights to reach B.C. and Canada’s goal of protecting thirty percent of lands in B.C. by 2030.” (BC Gov news, Nov 3, 2023)

Relevant BC Government Priorities

Reconciliation

Critical
Minerals

Sustainable
Economy

Clean BC

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Purpose of Today's Discussion

The purpose of today's presentation is to provide and discuss updates on:

Land Use Planning Program Overview

Northern BC LUP Projects

Next Steps

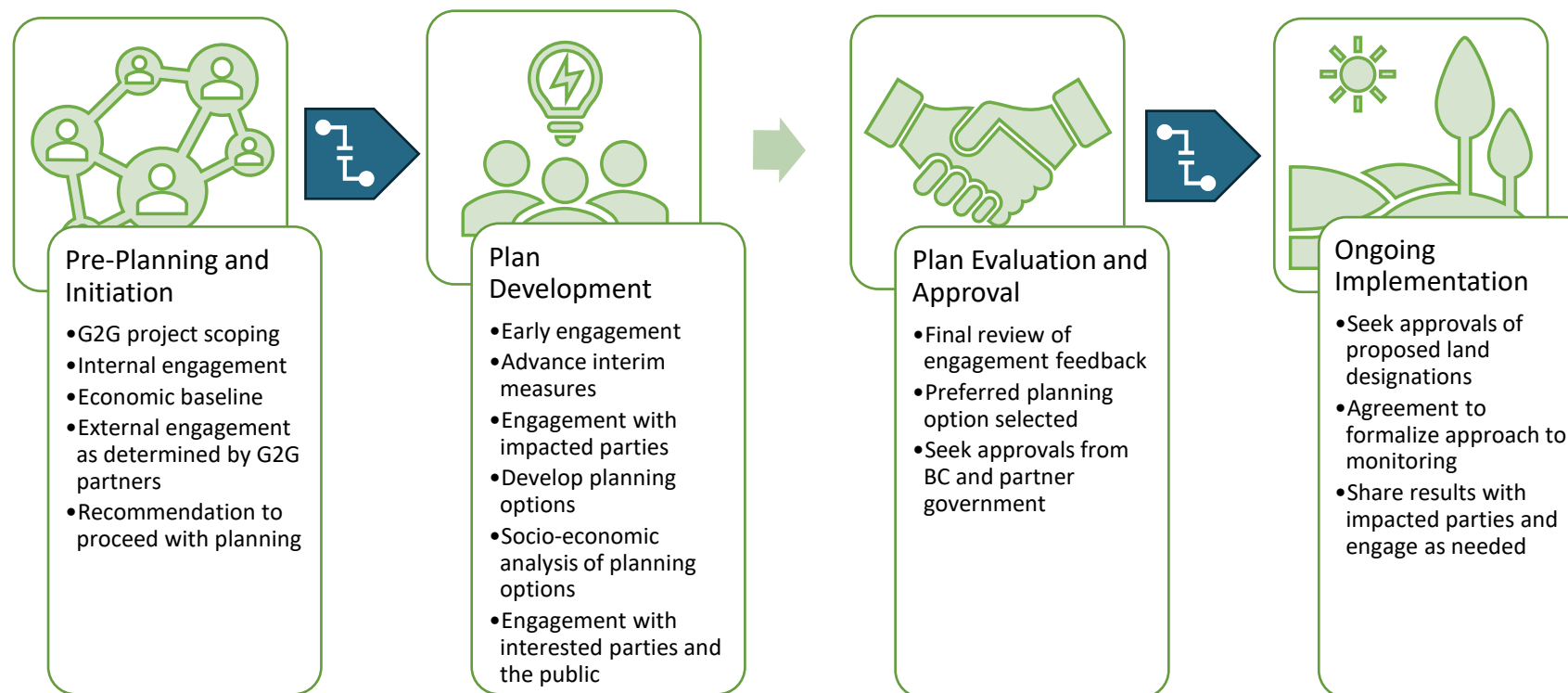
Modernized Land Use Planning Program Update

What is modernized Land Use Planning (mLUP)?

- mLUP is the **process of establishing broad land use direction through objectives and zones** for areas where resource economic activities could occur and where conservation areas are required, including areas specific for Indigenous-led initiatives.
- mLUP is a **conducted in partnership with First Nations**, on the basis of a signed G2G agreement with partner Nation(s), and consistent with the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (DRIPA).
- mLUP is a **public-facing, transparent process that includes engagement** with local governments, communities, boards, industry and stakeholders.
- More information is available at: www.gov.bc.ca/landuseplanning.

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Land Use Planning Process



Planning partners decision point

- Leadership from respective governments may approve, seek additional information, or not approve the project moving ahead
- Additional decision point(s) may be required in Plan Development

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Project-level Engagement Plans

Pre-Planning and Initiation



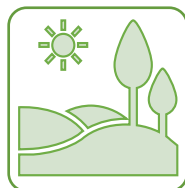
- Input on key issues of concern.
- Input on engagement approach.
- Input to baseline information used in planning.

Plan Development



- Input to socio-economic and environmental assessment.
- Provide feedback on planning options.
- Advise on implications.

Ongoing Implementation



- Provide input on monitoring.
- Advise on implications.

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BC Policy and Guidance Supporting mLUP

Completed and Published	Under Development
✓ Socio-economic and environmental assessment	❖ Planning governance and Indigenous Knowledge
✓ Writing plan content	❖ Climate change
✓ Giving legal effect to plan content	❖ Implementation
✓ Engaging with stakeholders	

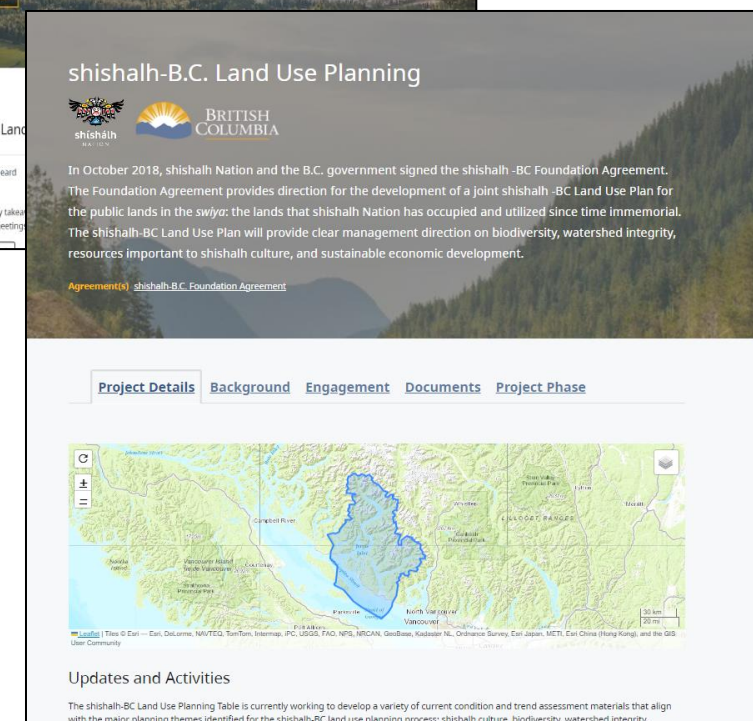
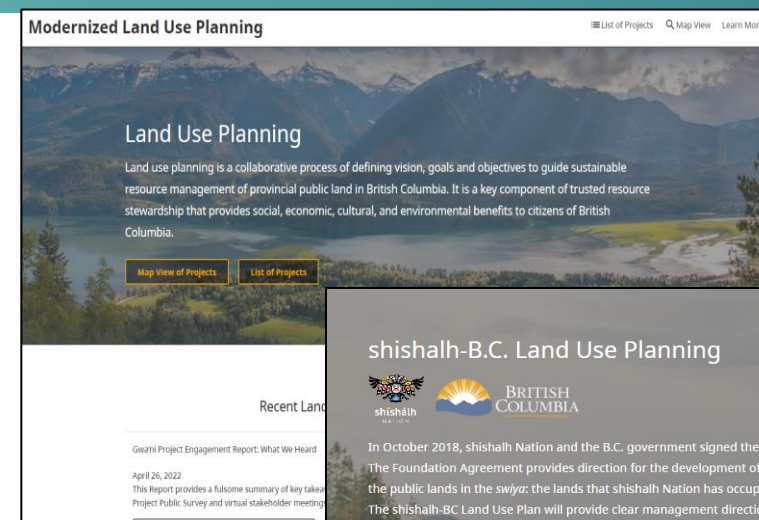
Completed guidance available [here](#)



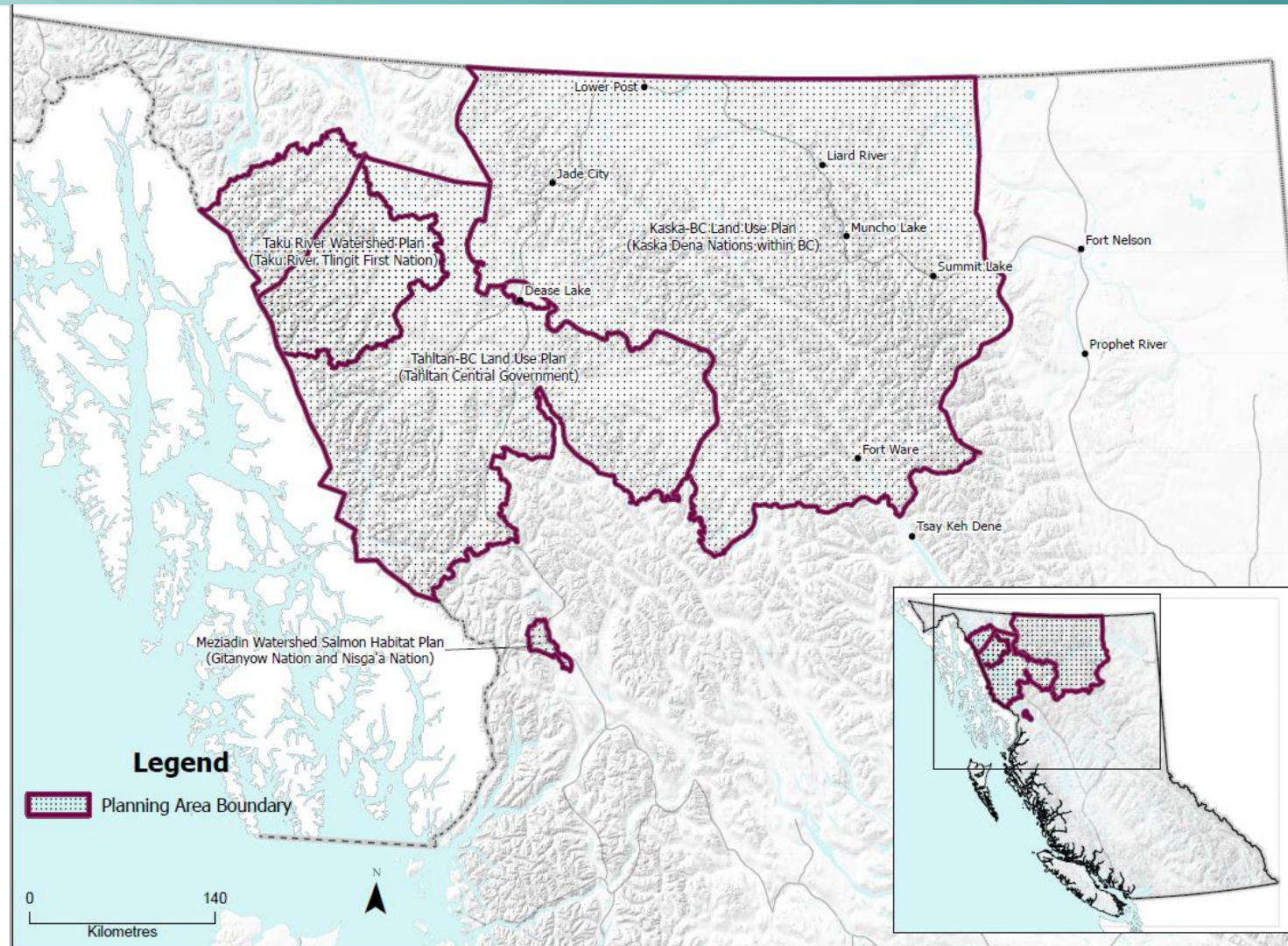
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Communication and Engagement Tools

- Provincial Program Website
 - Existing land use plans, fact sheets, reports, etc.
 - Existing and revised LUP policies and guidance
 - www.gov.bc.ca/landuseplanning
- Updated Provincial LUP Engagement Platform
 - Project information, updates, and engagement opportunities
 - <https://www.planninginpartnership.ca>



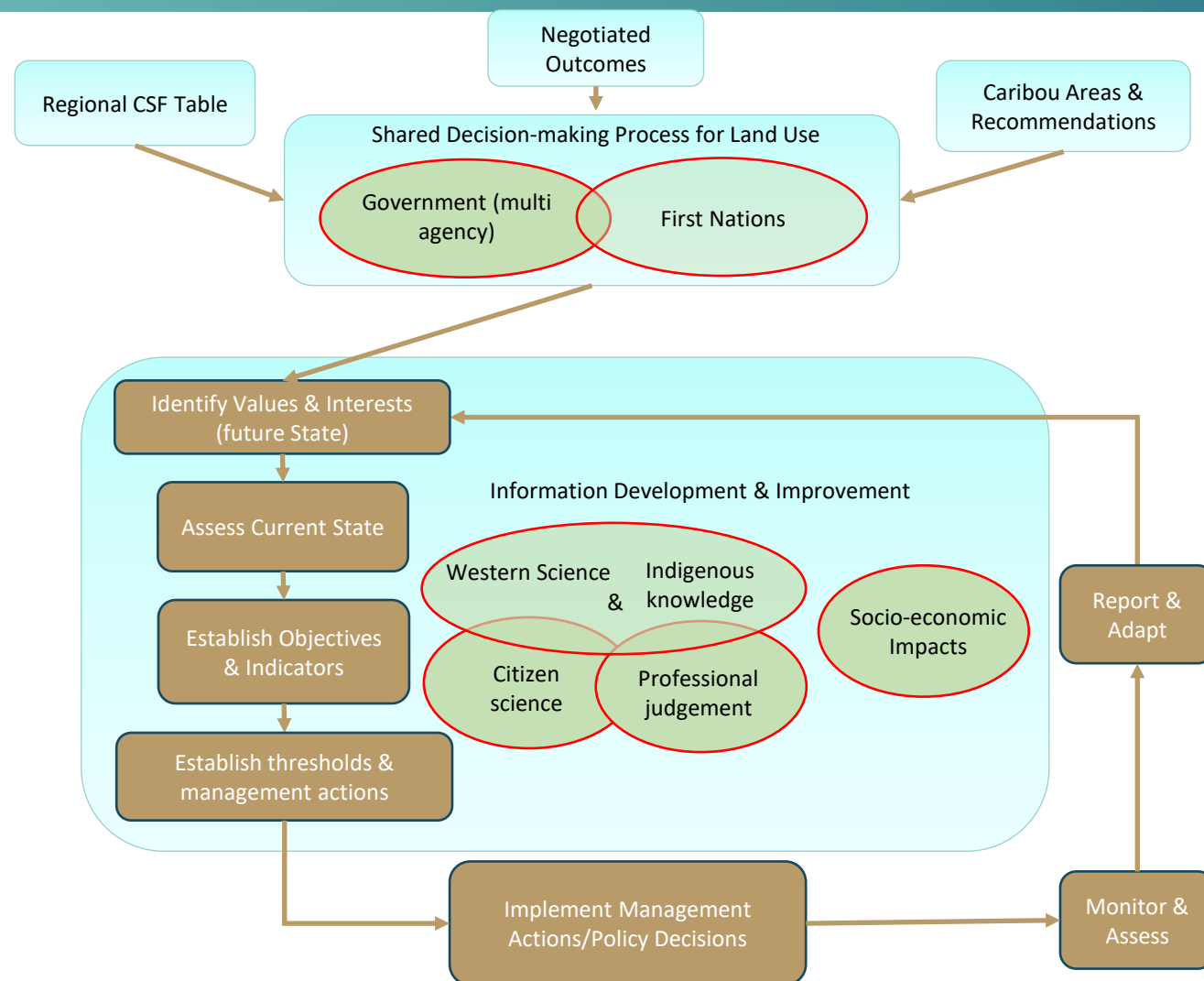
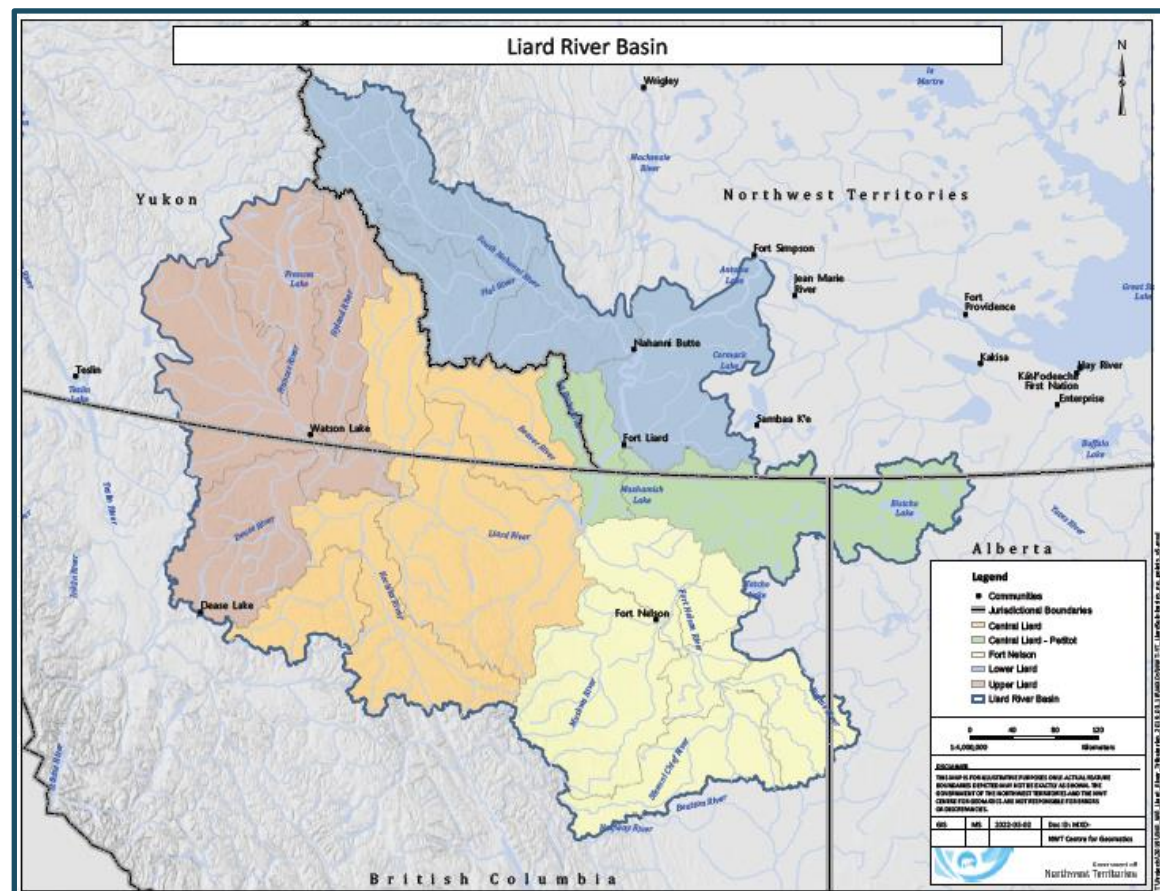
Northern BC Modernized LUP Projects



North-eastern LUP Project – Liard Watershed Planning

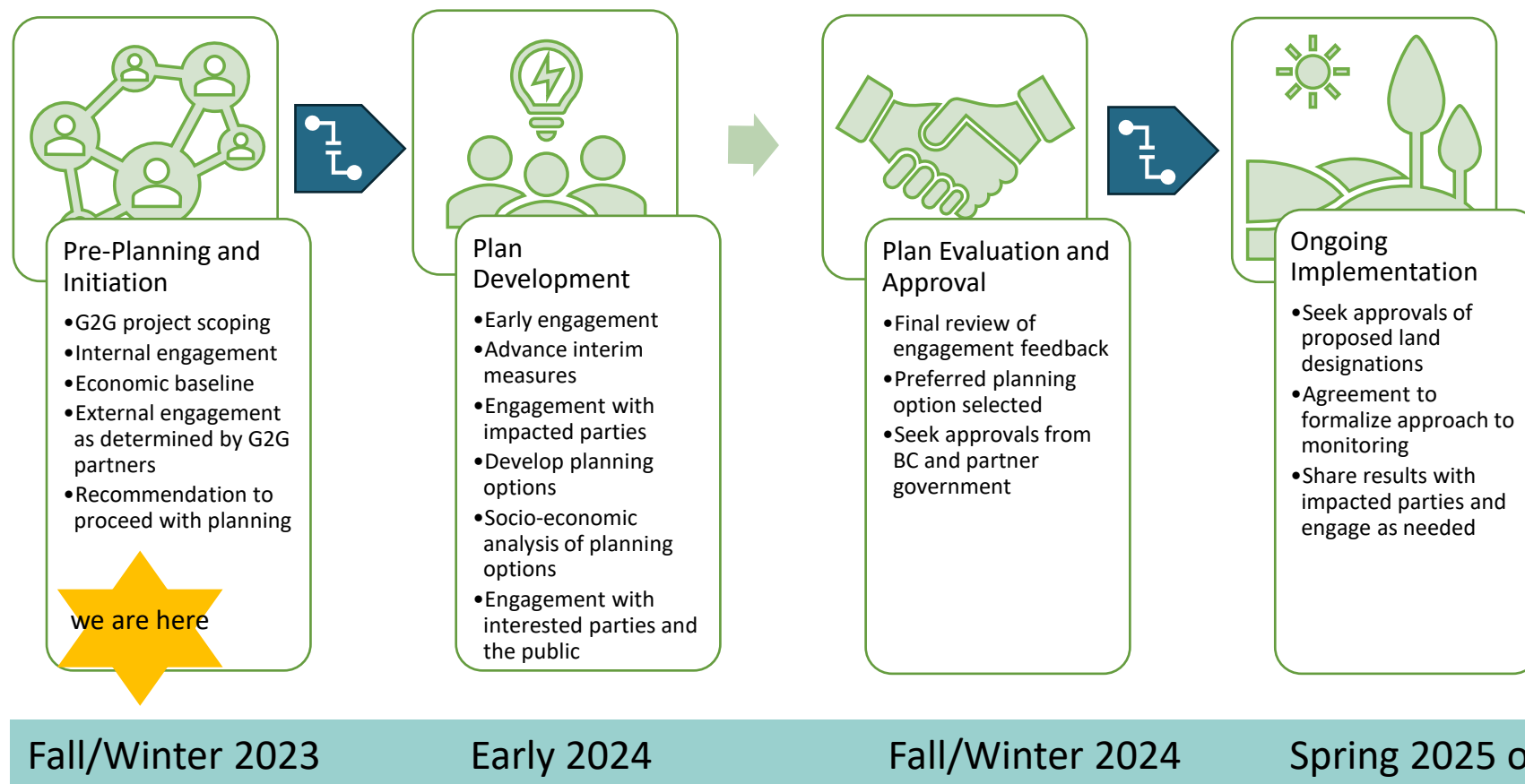
- The Consensus Document - commitment to land use planning in the Liard Subregional watershed
 - Western boundary & First Nation overlap concerns
 - New objectives & zones
 - Governance & Shared Decision-making
 - Cultural revitalization, language and place-naming, re-emerging legal systems
- Significant change considerations:
 - BC Hydro Wind Power call (Board advice on Wind Resource Use in the MKMA)
 - Critical minerals strategy
 - Geothermal
 - Subterranean carbon storage
 - Forest Carbon offsets revenue
 - Co-management & plurality

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Continuing the Dialogue

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