

# Policing in British Columbia

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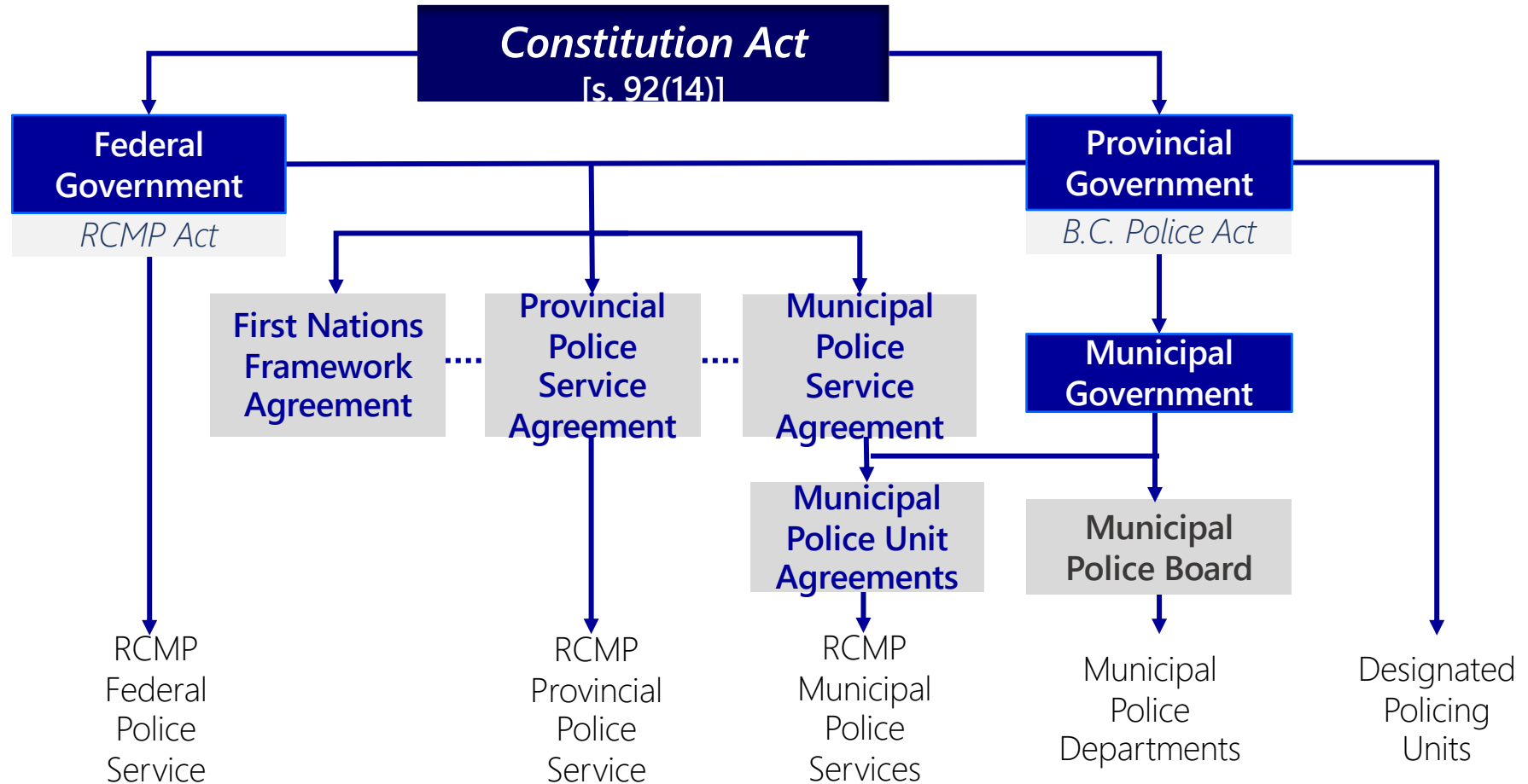
# Outline

1. Legal Framework
2. Structure of Policing
3. Governance Framework
4. Environment and Current Issues

# Legal Framework



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# POLICE ACT

## Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General

Ensures adequate and effective level of policing and law enforcement

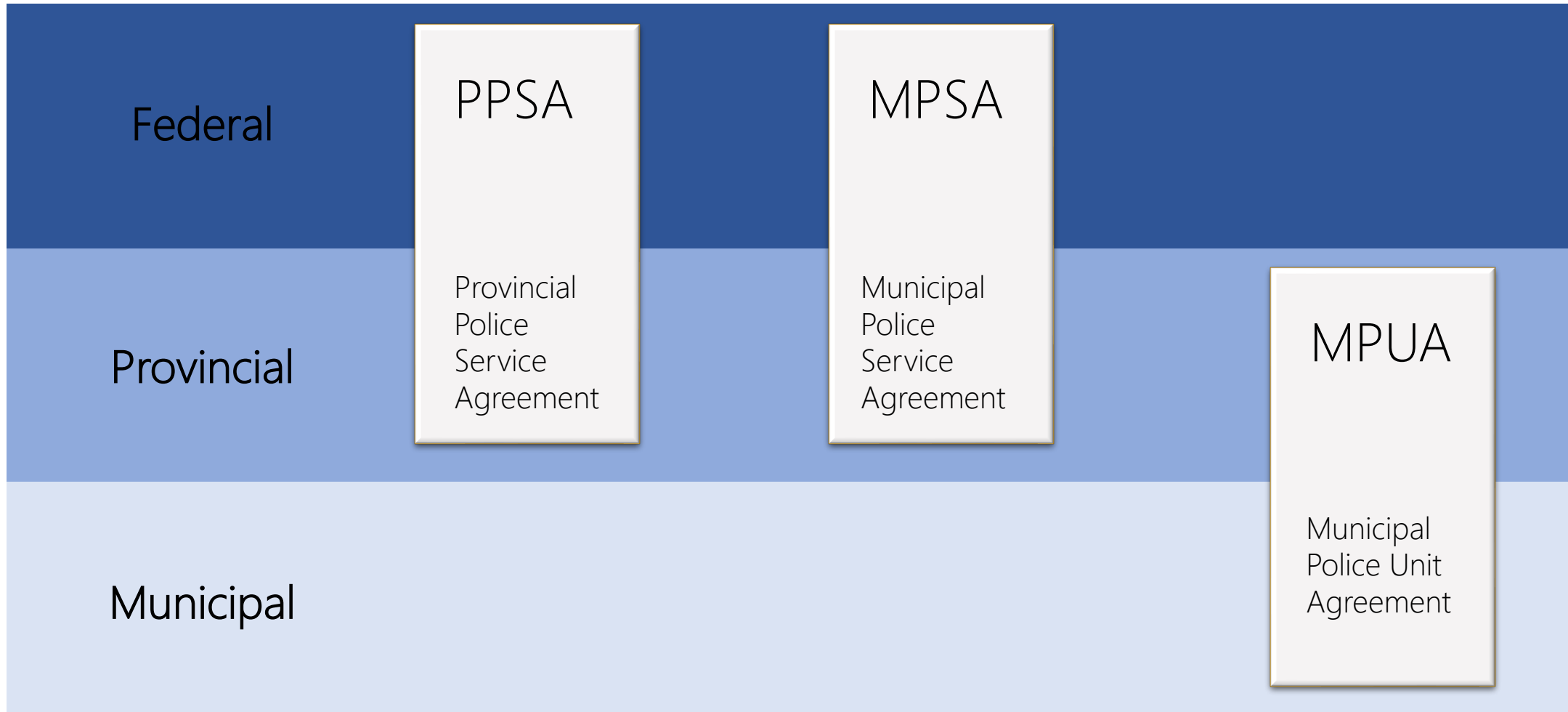


## Director of Police Services

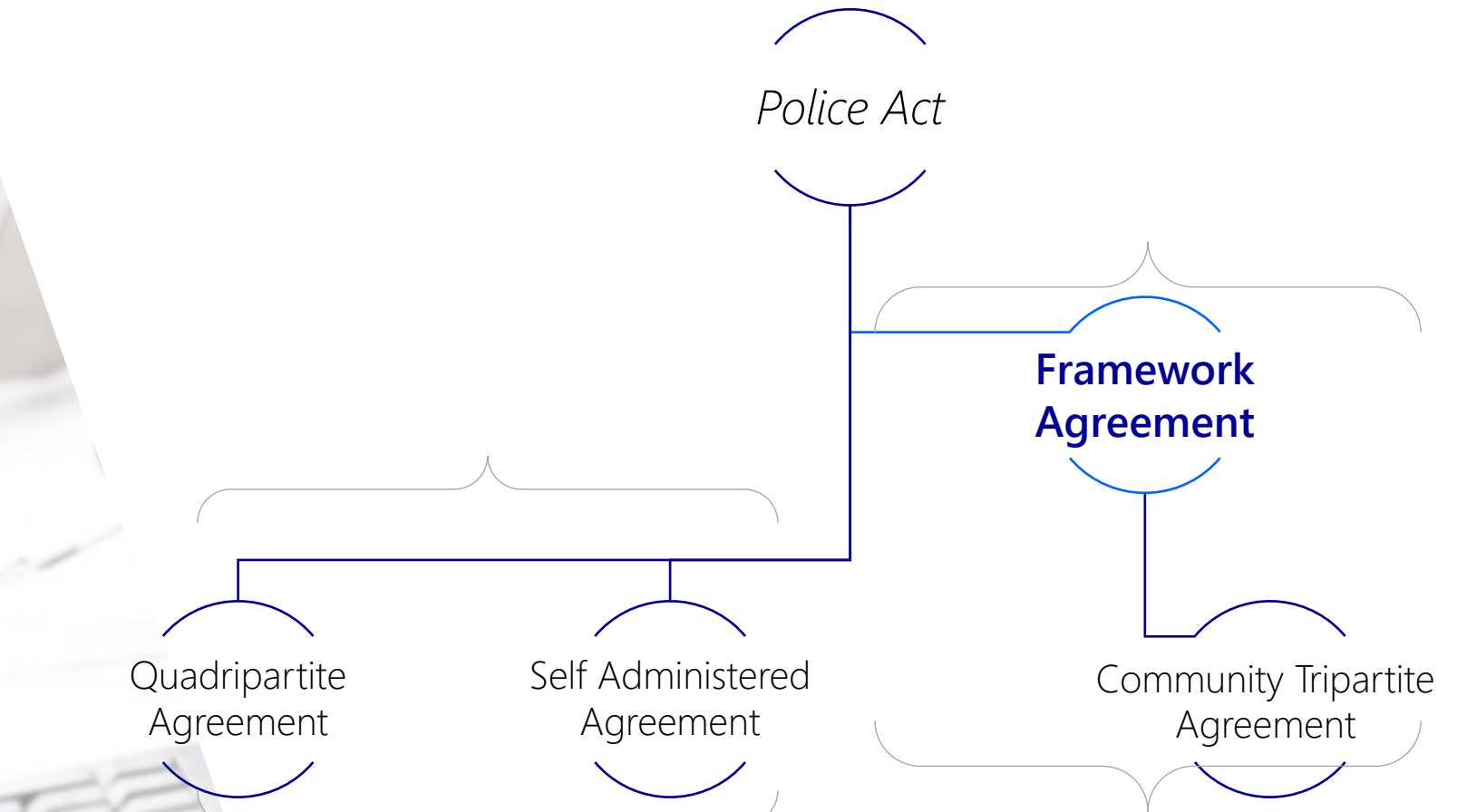
Superintends policing and law enforcement in B.C. on behalf of the Minister

- ✓ Establishes provincial policing standards
- ✓ Inspects and report on the quality and standard of policing
- ✓ Conducts studies on policing, law enforcement, and crime prevention
- ✓ Conducts inquiries on crime, investigations, and policing and law enforcement

# Policing Agreements



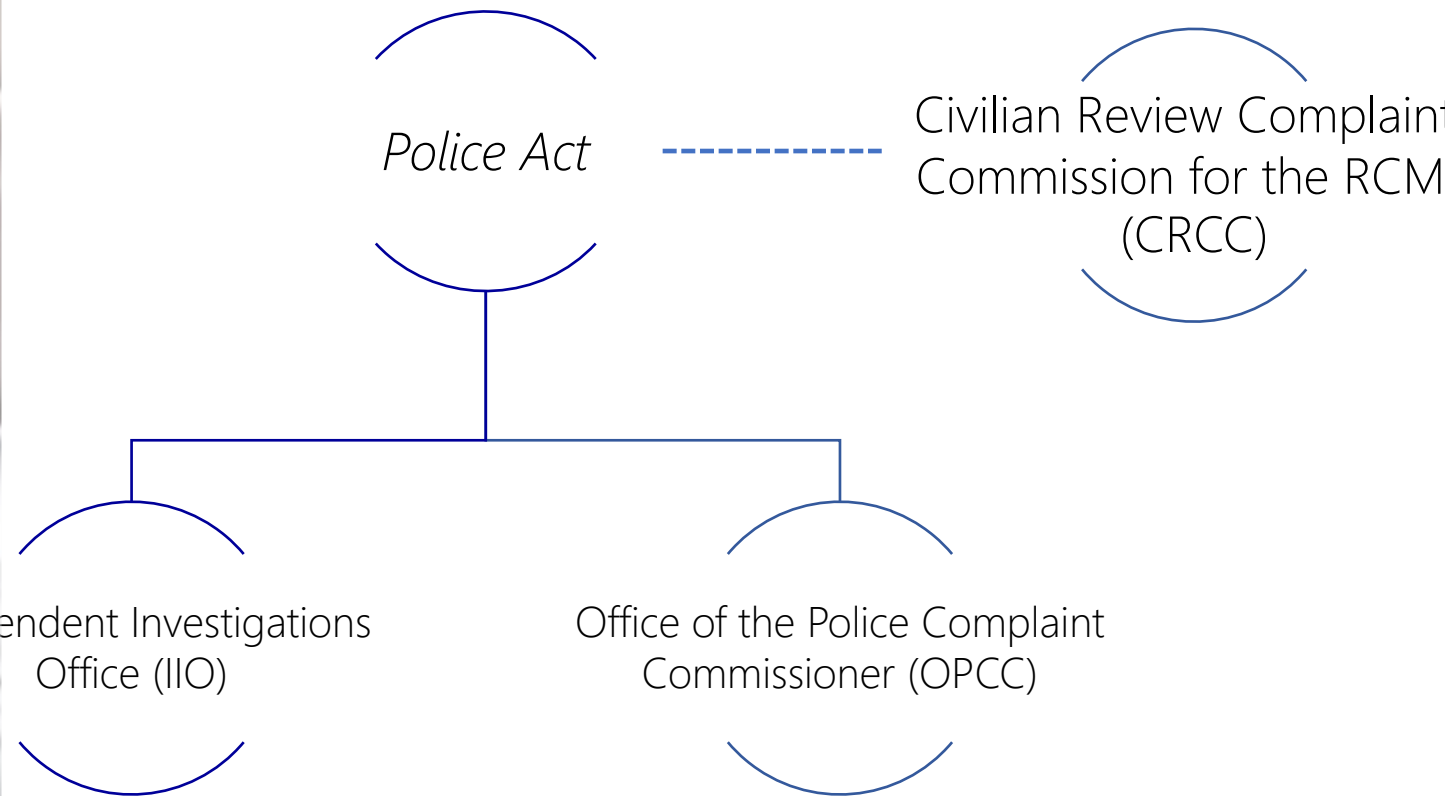
# First Nations Policing



Governed by Police Boards, similar responsibilities to Municipal Police Boards

Follows RCMP governance  
Priorities set through Community Consultative Groups and relayed to the RCMP through Letter of Expectation

# Police Oversight & Accountability





# [Structure of Policing in BC]



# Federal Policing

- ✓ Falls within the portfolio of the Minister of Public Safety Canada
- ✓ Enforces federal statutes
- ✓ 100% of the costs paid for by the federal government



# Provincial Policing



## Three Main Responsibilities:

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### Detachment Policing

- ✓ Core/Frontline
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### Provincial Services

- ✓ Major Crime
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### Capital Intensive Items

- ✓ Boats/Aircraft

# First Nations Policing



**Framework Agreement**  
59 Community Tripartite  
Agreements(s)

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**Quadripartite**  
(Tsawwassen First Nation)  
1 Community

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**Self Administered**  
(Stl'atl'imx Tribal Police Service)  
10 Communities

# Municipal Policing



## Municipal Policing

- ✓ RCMP-municipal police services (66)
- ✓ Independent municipal police services (11)

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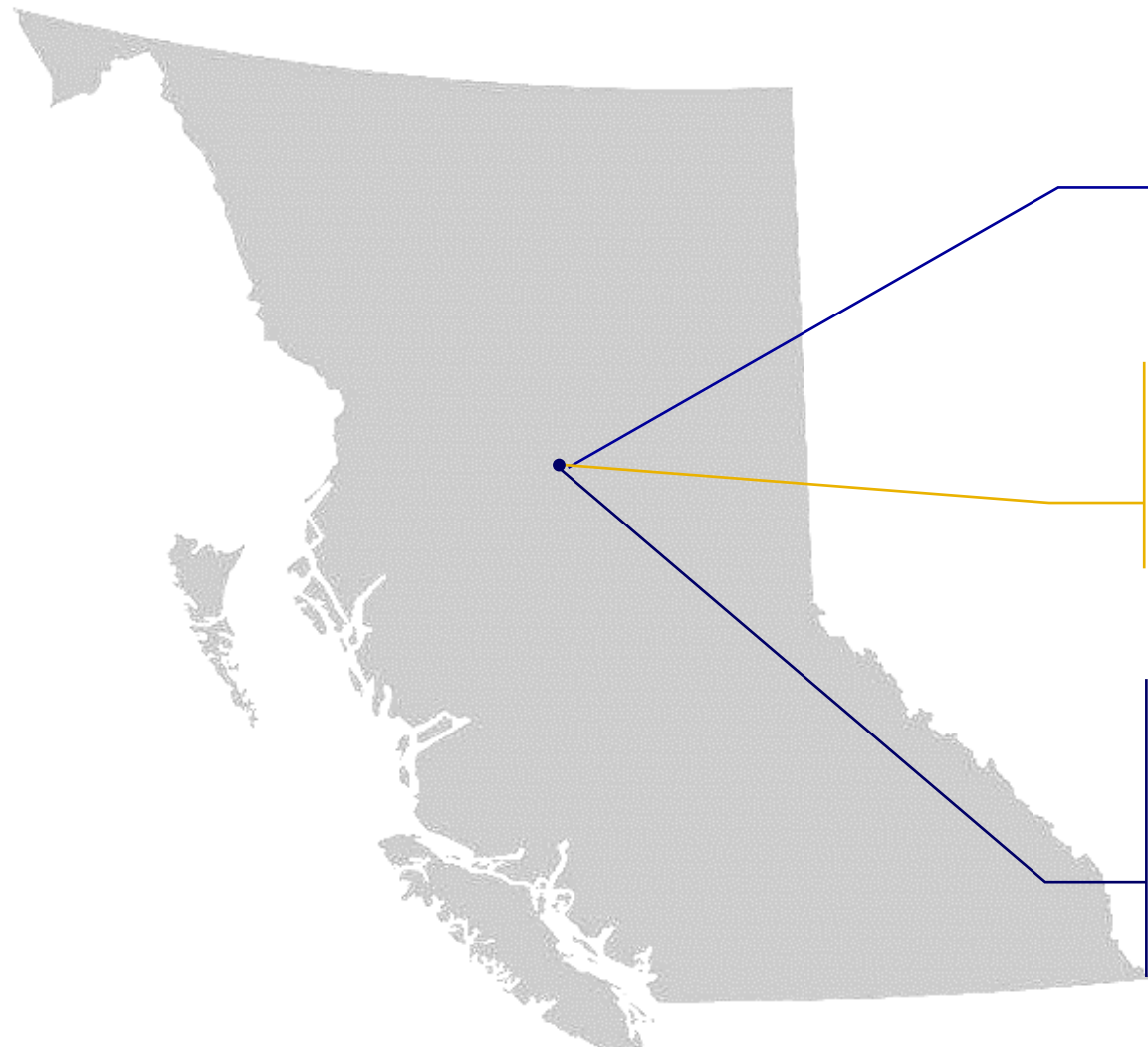
## Delivery Options

- ✓ Municipal Police Department (100%)
- ✓ Agreement with Province for RCMP Service (cost share)
- ✓ Agreement with another Municipal Police Department (100%)



# Integrated Teams

Integrated teams may be comprised of police officers from more than one police agency, or from at least two levels of policing (federal, provincial, municipal)



## **Federal Integrated Teams**

May include police officers from independent, municipal, provincial, and/or federal agencies

## **Provincial Integrated Teams**

Provides service to many jurisdictions across B.C.

## **Regional Integrated Teams**

Addresses concerns or provides services to specific regions of the province

# [Governance Framework]



# Provincial



# CMC Governance

CMC

BC Local  
Government  
Contract  
Management  
Committee

Finance and Cost  
Containment SC

Real Property SC

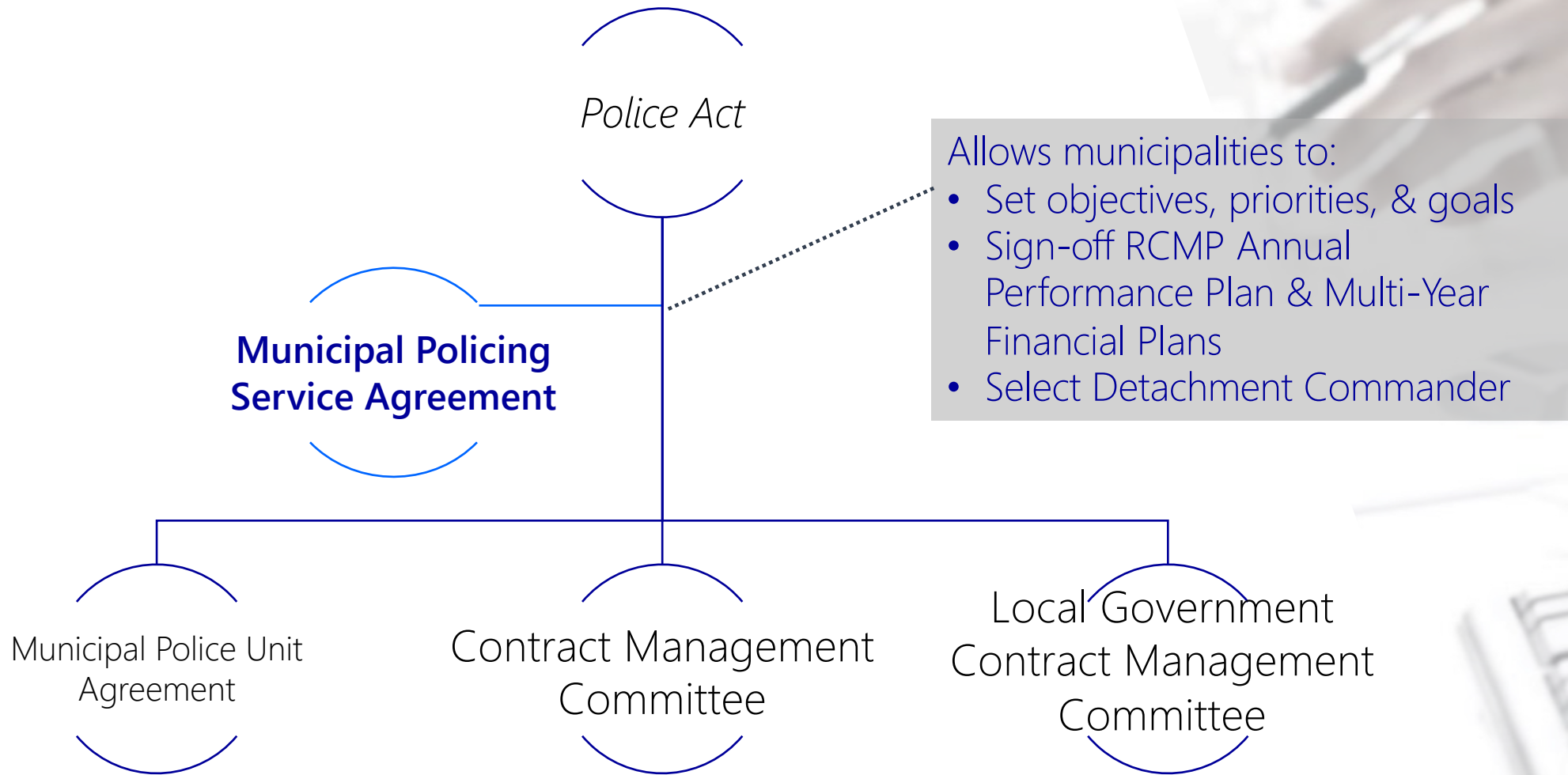
National Programs  
SC

Human Resources  
SC

Governance SC

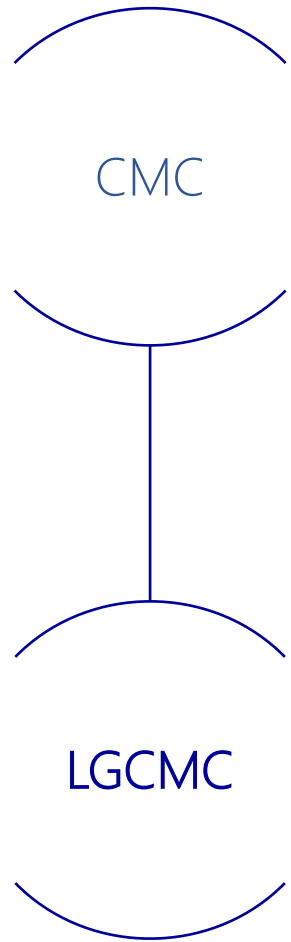
# Municipal

Applies to municipalities that contract with the Province/ RCMP for police services





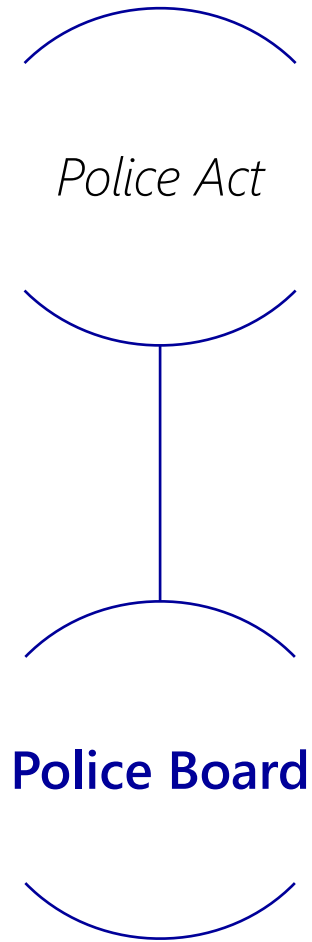
# LGCMC Overview



- Established by the MPUAs
- A forum for local governments to raise contract management related issues
- Co-Chaired by the Province and UBCM
- Facilitates UBCM's participation at CMC

# Municipal

Applies to municipalities that have their own police department and Designated Policing Units



## Responsibilities:

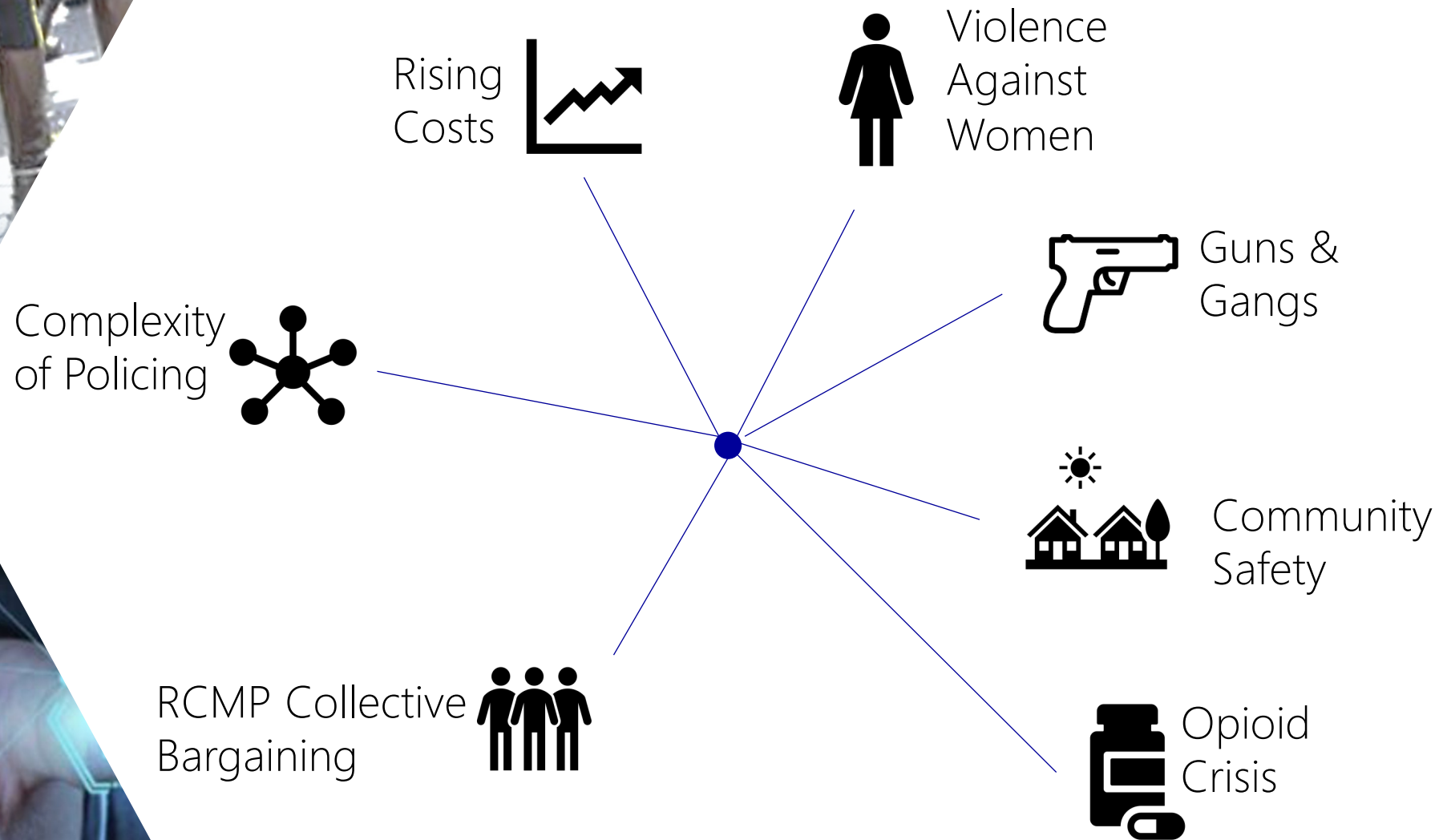
- Appointing a Chief Constable, other constables, and employees
- Setting priorities, goals and objectives
- Establishing policies and setting the direction
- Financial oversight
- “Discipline authority” for public complaints or internal discipline matters

# ( Environment )

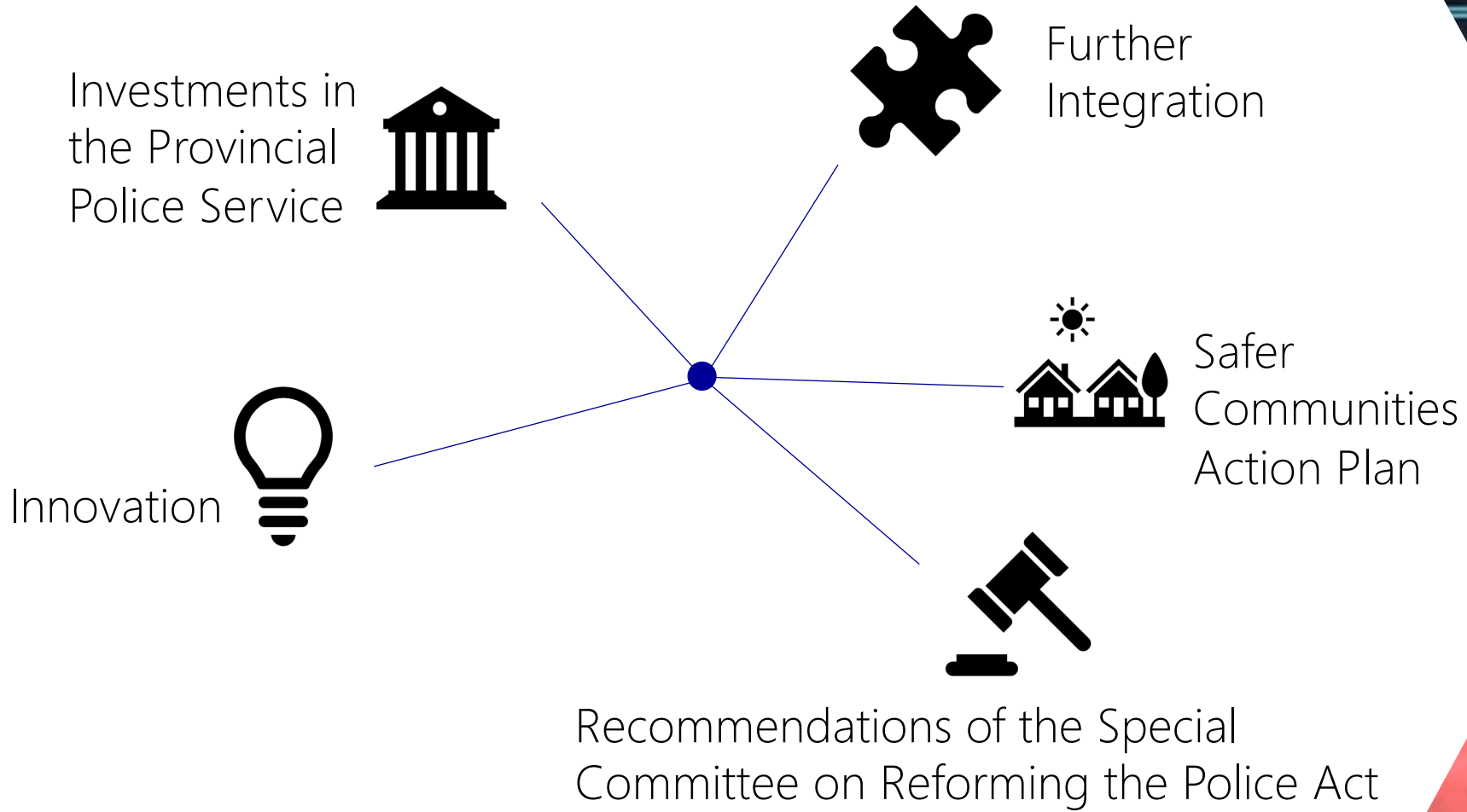




# Current



# Future





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