

POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY MODERNIZATION INITIATIVE

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Today's Discussion

- Policing Landscape
- Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act*
- Public Safety Transformation Team
- Policing and Public Safety Modernization Initiative
- Breakout Session
- Panel Discussion



Policing Overview

68 RCMP Policed Municipalities

11 Municipal Police Services

11 Police Boards

1 First Nations self-administered police service

3 Police oversight agencies

Policing Landscape



Policy in Action

Policy Considerations

Enhancing oversight: Duty to cooperate

Superintendence: New Director's standards or regulations

Fair funding models: examining jurisdictional responsibility

Possible Outcomes

Requiring police to give statements after a police-involved shooting

Mandatory body worn cameras for police

Who pays for DNA analysis



Special Committee on Reforming the *Police Act*

01

All-party committee of the BC Legislative Assembly was struck in July 2020

04

Areas of examination, inquiry, and recommendations

411

Presenters and one public survey

11

Broad recommendations released on April 28, 2022

Ministry's Mandate

Making progress to respond to the recommendations of the Special Committee

Goals to achieve this priority

**Policy and
Legislation
co-development**

**New police
oversight model**

**Collaboration
with all levels of
government
and various
agencies**

**Indigenous self-
administered
policing
framework**

Policing and Public Safety Modernization Team



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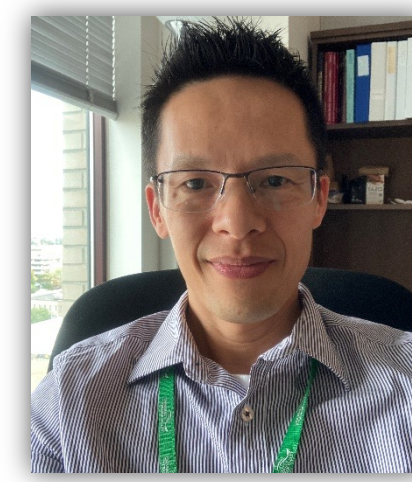
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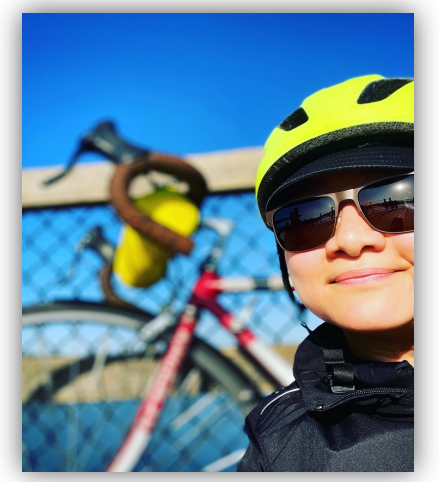
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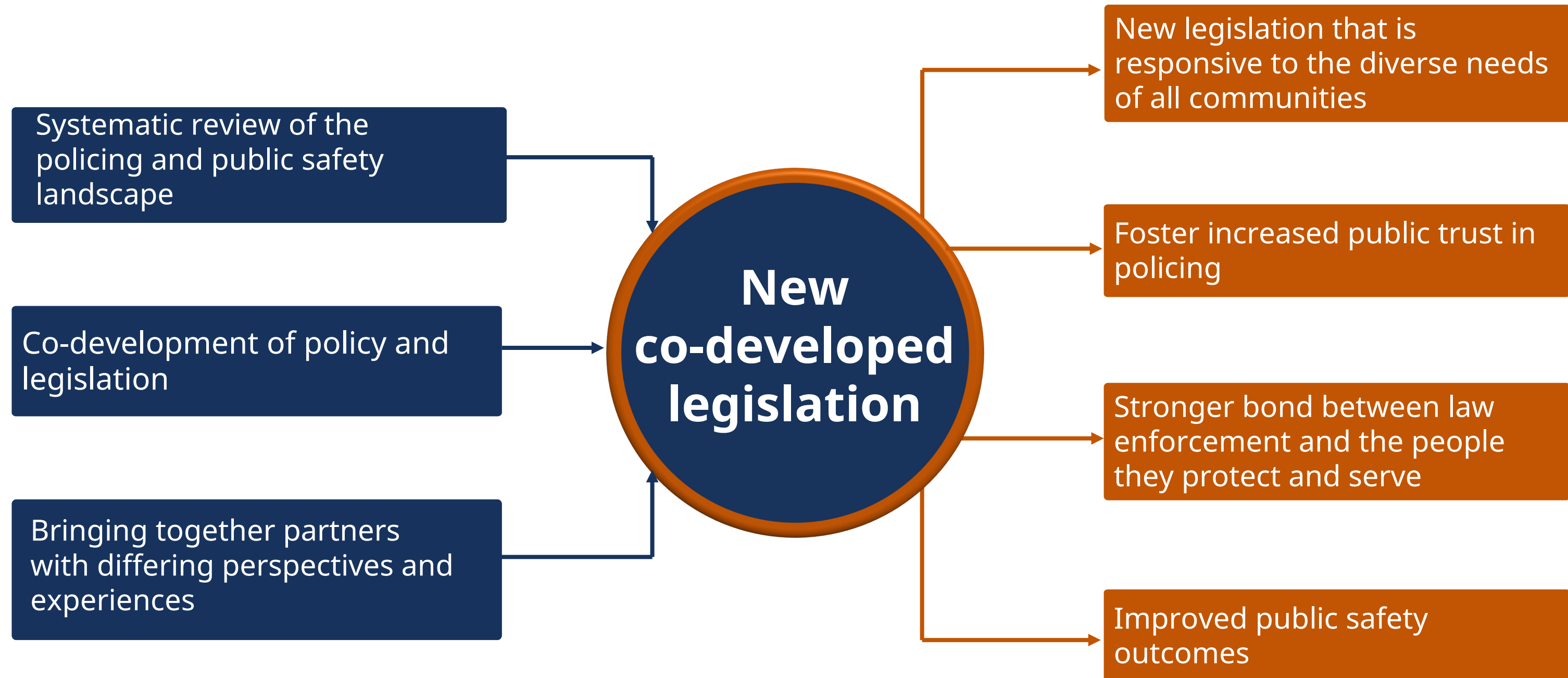


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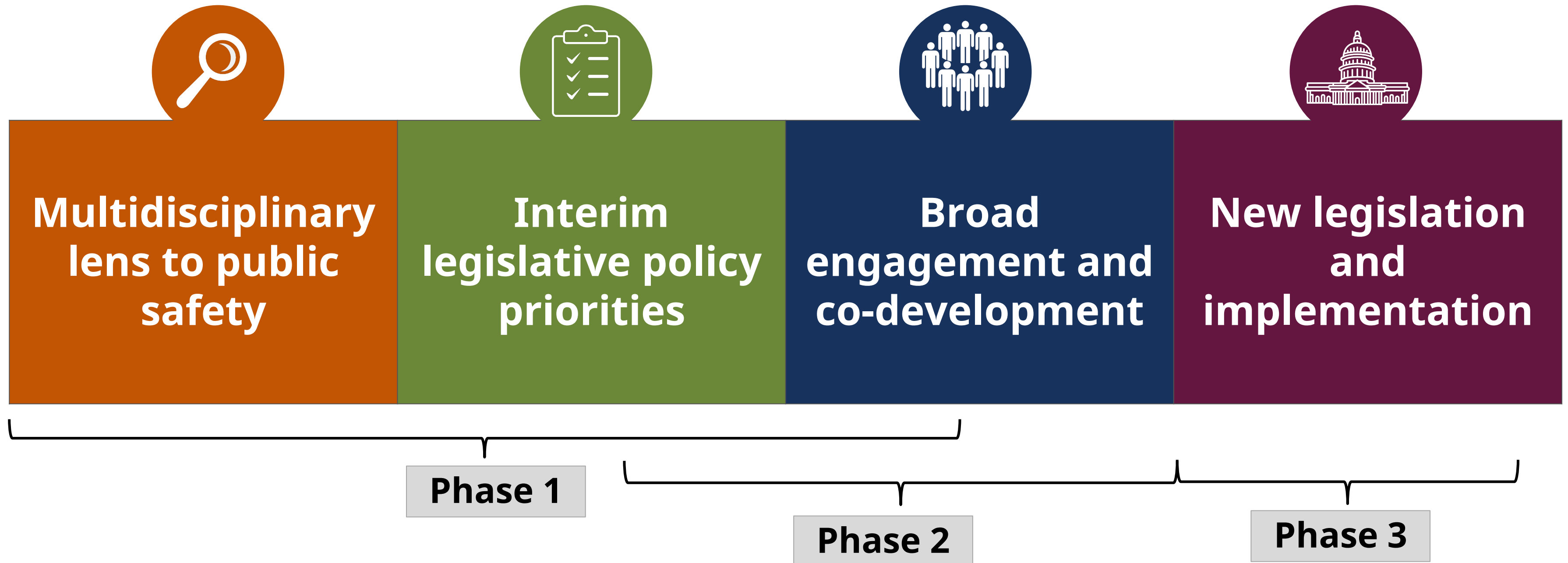


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Policing and Public Safety Modernization (PPSM) Initiative



Phased Approach: 2022 to 2026+



Timeline

Phase 1:
Preliminary
engagement
with some
partners

Phase 1: Legislative changes, if
approved by Government

Phase 2:
Co-development of
new legislation

Summer -
Fall 2022

Winter -
Spring
2023

Fall 2023
- Spring
2024

Summer -
Winter
2024

2025

2026 -
onwards

Phase 2: Broad
engagement started in
Spring 2023

Phase 2: Engagement
feedback analysis

Phase 2: New
legislation, if
approved
by
Government

 Policy co-development
 Legislative development

Consultation & Policy Development Process

Phase 1: Winter 2022 - Spring 2024



**Ministry
Determined
Policy Scope**



**Engagement
Using
Discussion
Papers**



**Legislative
Proposal
Development**



**Final
Feedback
from
Partners**



**If Approved,
Changes
Made to
*Police Act***

Policy Co-Development Process

Phase 2: Spring 2023 - Spring 2024



**Co-Develop
Policy Scope**



**Engagement
Using
Discussion
Papers**



**Development
of Policy
Papers**



**Engagement
on Policy
Papers**



**Finalize
Policy
Options**

Policy Analysis Process



**Jurisdictional
scan**



**Academic
research and
other
publications**



**Review of
relevant
strategies,
reports, and
previous
consultations**



**DRIPA
alignment**



**Consultation
with subject
matter
experts &
partners**



Legal analysis

Indigenous Engagement and Policy Co-Development



**Indigenous
Leadership
Organizations**

Rightsholders

**Urban
Indigenous &
Service
Providers**

Community-led Engagement Grant Streams

Grant Application Consideration Metrics

- 1 Provincial/Regional Organizations
- 2 Local/Community-based organizations
- 3 Métis organizations
- 4 Organizations serving Indigenous Peoples in urban areas



Community-led Engagement Grants Process Timeline

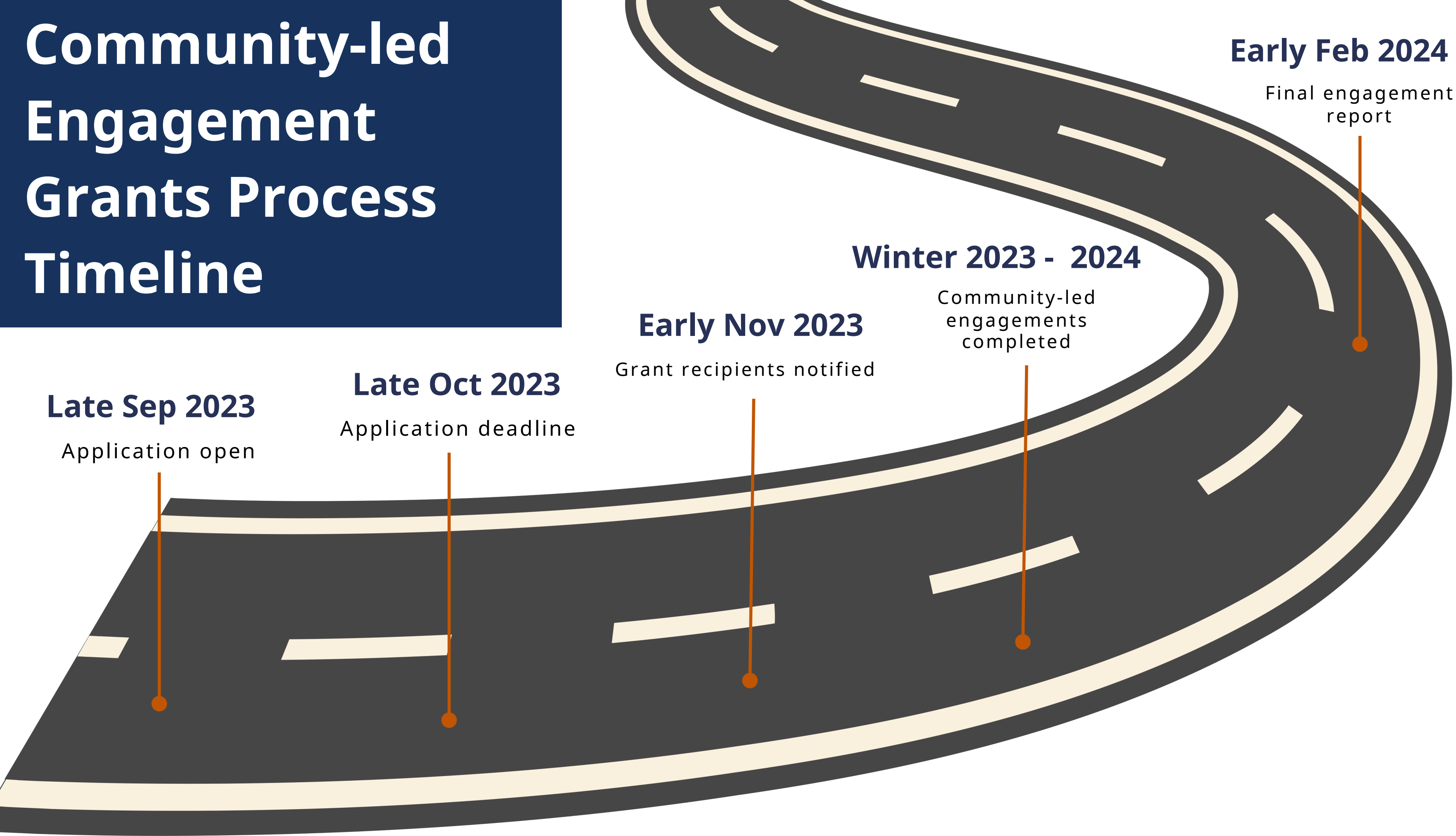
Late Sep 2023
Application open

Late Oct 2023
Application deadline

Early Nov 2023
Grant recipients notified

Winter 2023 - 2024
Community-led
engagements
completed

Early Feb 2024
Final engagement
report





Engagement Partners

1

Local Government Leaders

2

Indigenous Leadership
Groups and Rightsholders

3

Police Leaders and Governance
Bodies

4

Justice Sector

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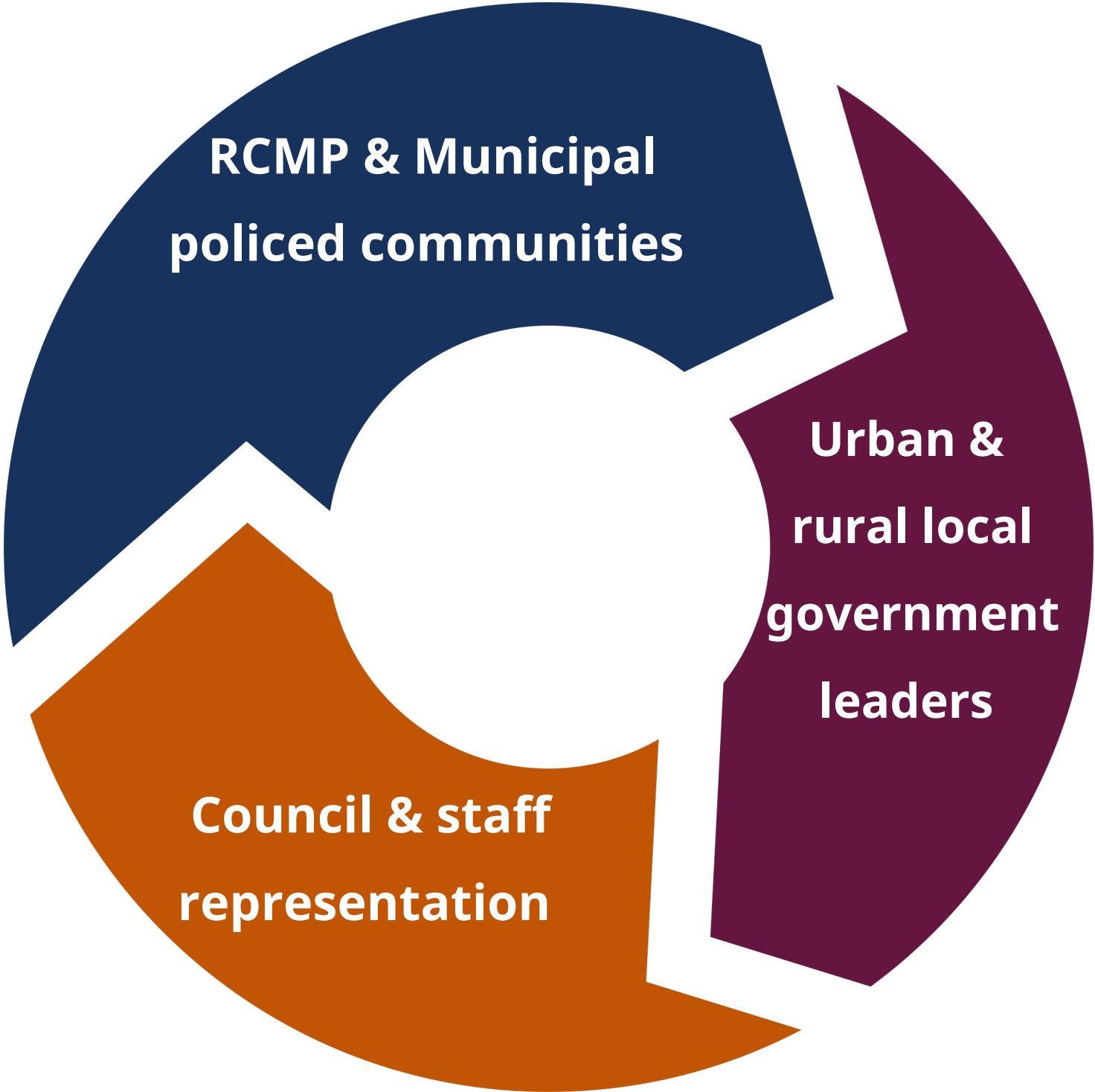
Police Oversight Agencies

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Community
Representatives

Local Government Engagement

Roundtable Appointment Metrics



Topics of discussion

- 1 Governance
- 2 Oversight of police conduct
- 3 Funding models
- 4 Law enforcement continuum
- 5 Training and assessment
- 6 Indigenous policing
- 7 Provincial and regional policing models
- 8 Powers and authorities

How are engagement sessions with the Roundtable structured?

1

Validation of feedback from last meeting

2

Overview of the policy discussion paper of current topic

3

Discussion on current topic

4

Feedback captured and shared in meeting minutes with attendees

UBCM Feedback

Tiered policing model

Improve police oversight

Proper funding for integrated teams

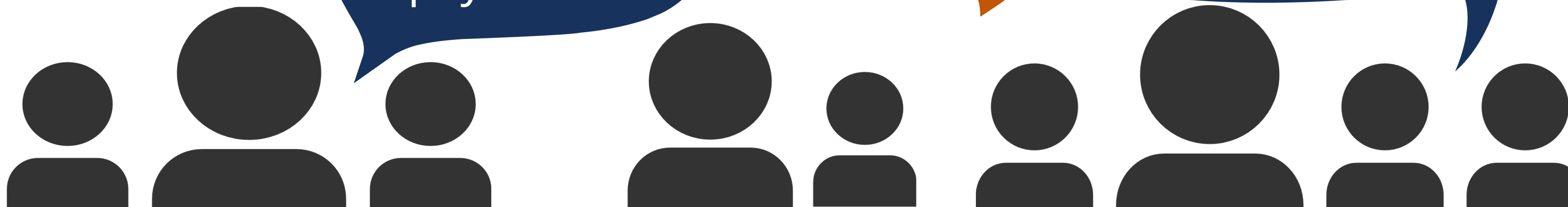
Equitable police funding models

Holistic and equitable lens for policing

Municipalities cannot afford to pay more

Community safety services

Training should reflect community values and priorities



Police Governance in BC

Municipal police departments

- Overseen by an appointed police board made up of volunteer community members and one local elected official.
- Board members are chosen based on:
 - Skills
 - Qualifications
 - Diversity
 - Demonstrated ability to act in the public interest
- Police boards are tasked with complex duties, such as setting the priorities, goals, and objectives of the police department, establishing policies, and developing the annual police department budget.

RCMP Governance

- The RCMP is under federal jurisdiction. They do not establish a police board but may have “local police committees” or other groups to promote a stronger relationship between the community and the local RCMP.

Integrated Policing Units

- Provide policing services to more than one jurisdiction and may include members from independent municipal, RCMP municipal, provincial, and federal policing services.
- Integrated teams are not required to be governed or overseen by a police board.

Breakout Discussion Questions

1

What is working with the current governance system?

2

What is not working with the current governance system?

3

Ideally, how should police be governed?

Panel Discussion

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Panel Question 1

What are the highlights from your experience on the Local Government Policing Modernization Roundtable?

Panel Question 2

What are you looking for in policing and public safety modernization?



Thank You

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