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Overview of the Co-development of the Federal First Nations Police Services Legislation

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Federal First Nations Police Services Legislation

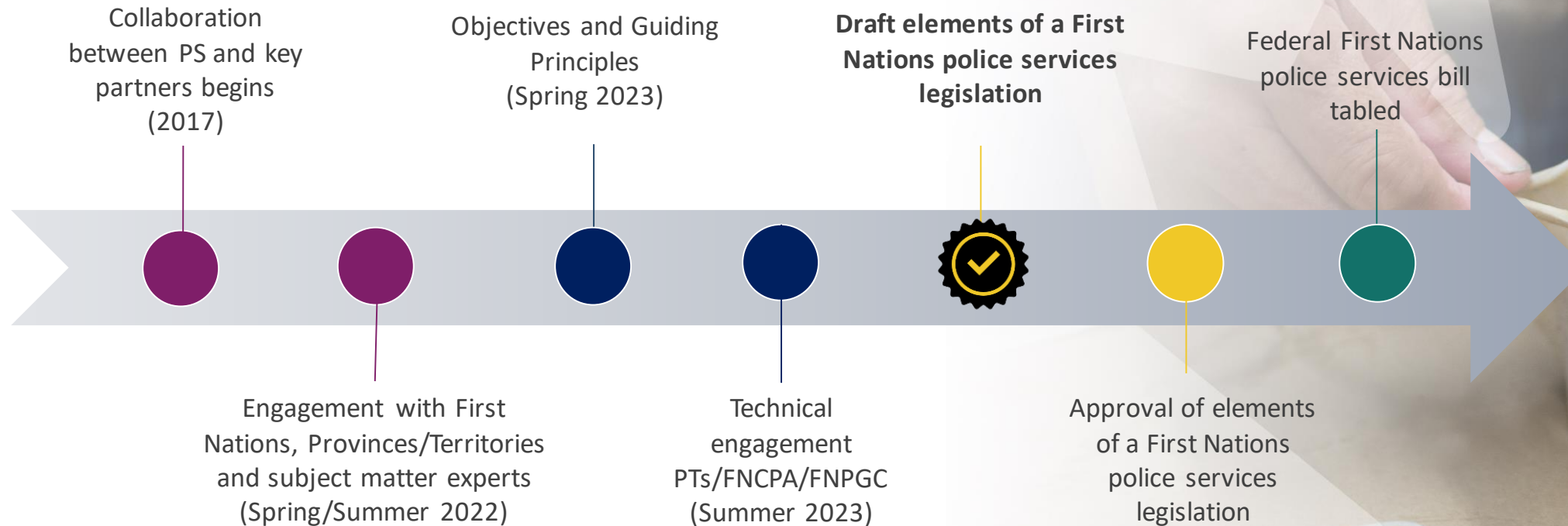
- Ongoing calls for reforms on how First Nations police services are funded and for federal legislation that recognizes First Nations police services as an essential service.

Objective: to recognize First Nations police services as essential services by supporting them with sustainable funding.

- Primarily designed to:
 - Govern federal government conduct, including with respect to flexible, stable, and equitable levels of funding;
 - Reaffirm Canada's commitment to upholding modern treaties and self-government agreements; and,
 - Complement provincial/territorial policing legislation.

Process Towards Tabling Legislation

- The Federal Government continues to work with First Nations partners to co-develop a legislative framework for First Nations policing.



Proposed Elements to Inform Legislation: Overview

Purpose of the legislation:

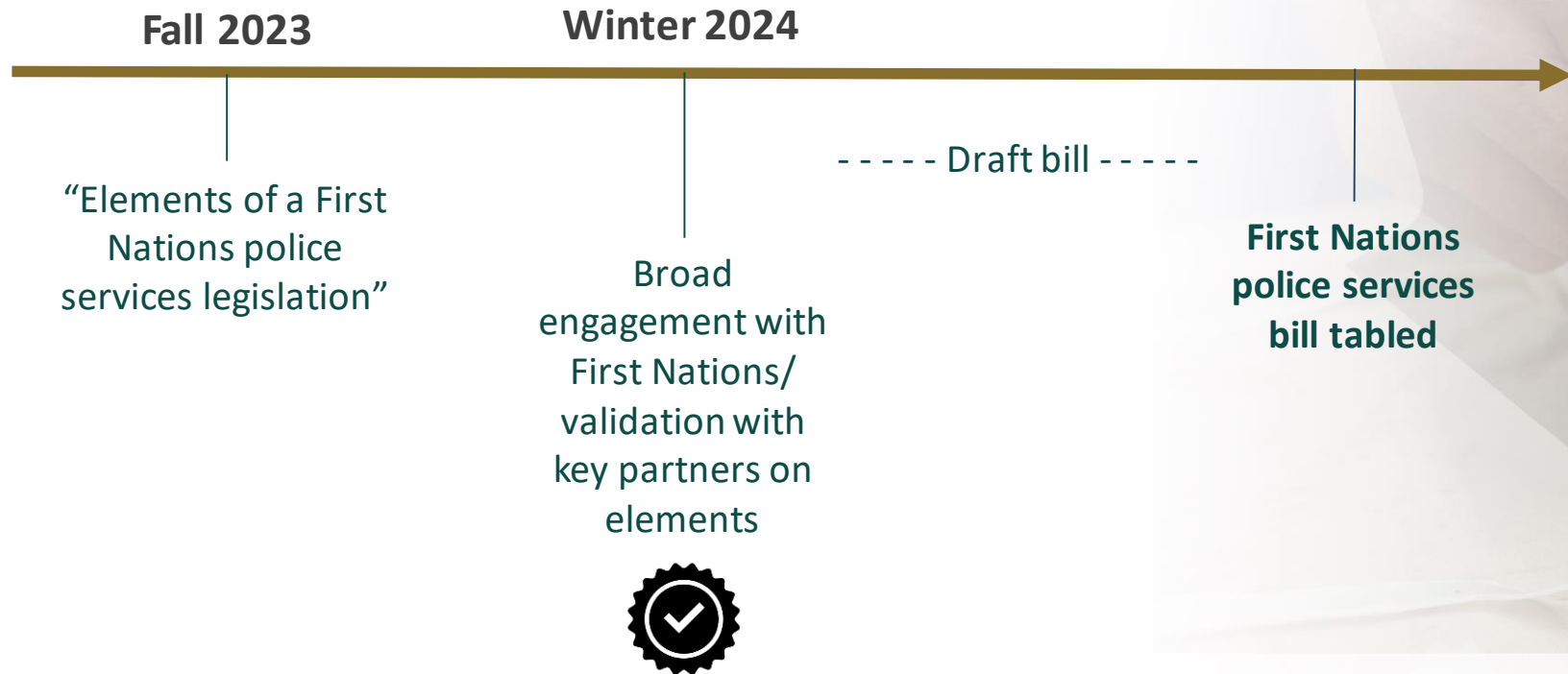
1. Establish measures to make available federal funding to support First Nations police services, First Nations police governance bodies and associated activities;
 2. Describe a process to determine the amount of federal funding provided to support First Nations police services, First Nations police governance bodies and associated activities.
- **Elements are meant to set out the policy intent of a future legislation and to inform the drafting of the legislation**
 - Speak to how First Nations police services may be supported as essential services emphasizing:
 - First Nations' leadership in fostering safety in their communities;
 - That First Nations police services are subject to provincial/territorial policing legislation, regulations and standards; and,
 - First Nations' Calls for reform to how First Nations police services are funded

Broader Federal Supports for Community Safety and Policing

- Public Safety Canada will continue to deliver the **First Nations and Inuit Policing Program (FNIPP)**, which currently reaches 426 First Nations and Inuit communities across Canada.
- FNIPP is delivered in close collaboration with provinces and territories of jurisdiction and is supported by a 52% federal / 48% provincial/territorial cost-sharing ratio.
- FNIPP programming will continue to encompass Community Tripartite Agreements for dedicated policing by the RCMP or other police services, and Community Safety Officer pilots, in First Nation communities.
- Public Safety Canada will continue to work with provinces/territories and First Nations to identify and mobilize available federal funding supports for community safety and policing.

Next Steps on Legislation

- Engage First Nations.
- Refine the elements in collaboration with key partners.
- Work with the Department of Justice to draft and table a bill.



Recap of Engagement Objectives

- To receive meaningful feedback from First Nations as to:
 - Whether we got the proposed elements/intent of the legislation to appropriately respond to the objective of recognizing First Nations police services as essential services by supporting them with predictable funding?
 - If not, what is missing and/or needs to be changed?
 - What changes are needed to broader federal supports, such as the FNIPP, as the legislation comes into place?

Thank You!

Please reach out to us directly with any questions or if you wish to discuss further:

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