# Toward a BC Flood Strategy

BC Flood Strategy – Update Northeast Roundtable September 28, 2022

	Climate Preparedness	<ul> <li>Minimizing public safety risk and social disruption</li> </ul>
	UN Sendai Framework	<ul> <li>Enhancing awareness, governance, funding model &amp; "build back better"</li> </ul>
	<b>BC Declaration Act</b>	<ul> <li>Partnering to make UNDRIP foundational</li> </ul>
	Economic Stability	<ul> <li>Minimizing costly, nationally- significant disruptions</li> </ul>
	Environmental Sustainability	<ul> <li>Aligning strategies (Salmon, Watershed Security, Climate Action, etc.)</li> </ul>
	Drivers for a BC Flood Strategy	

### Building Relationships

The First Nations Emergency Planning Secretariat (EPS) has been working with provincial staff to support co-development of the B.C. Flood Strategy

Approach is based on:

- Upholding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and UNDRIP legislation
- The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, that support inclusion of First Nations' worldviews, and
- Knowledge, and recognition of First Nations' Rights.



## Work to Date Developing Strategy

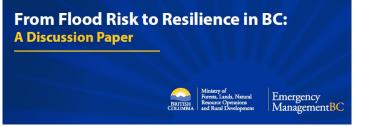
Bridging our Knowledge Towards Indigenous Flood Resilience in B.C.

Indigenous Engagement Summary Draft Report

March, 2021

- 4 virtual sessions & questionnaire
- 24 recommendations informed discussion paper





- 3 workshops
- 100 recommendations to build into strategy



Summary Report

Investigations in Support of Flood Strategy Development in British Columbia

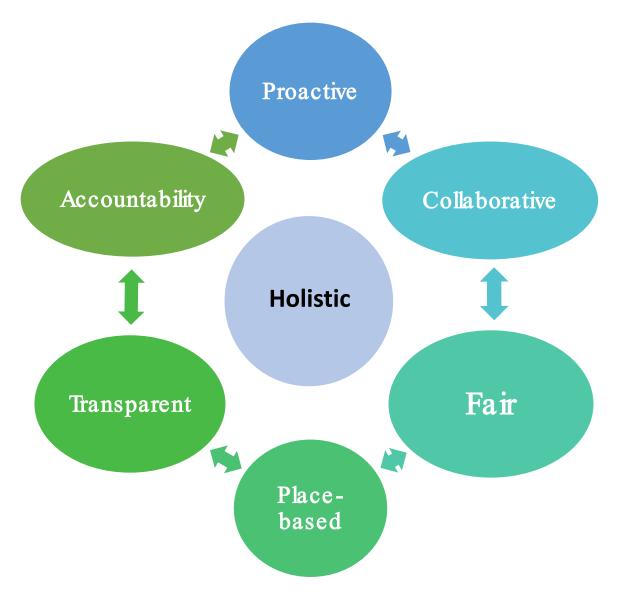
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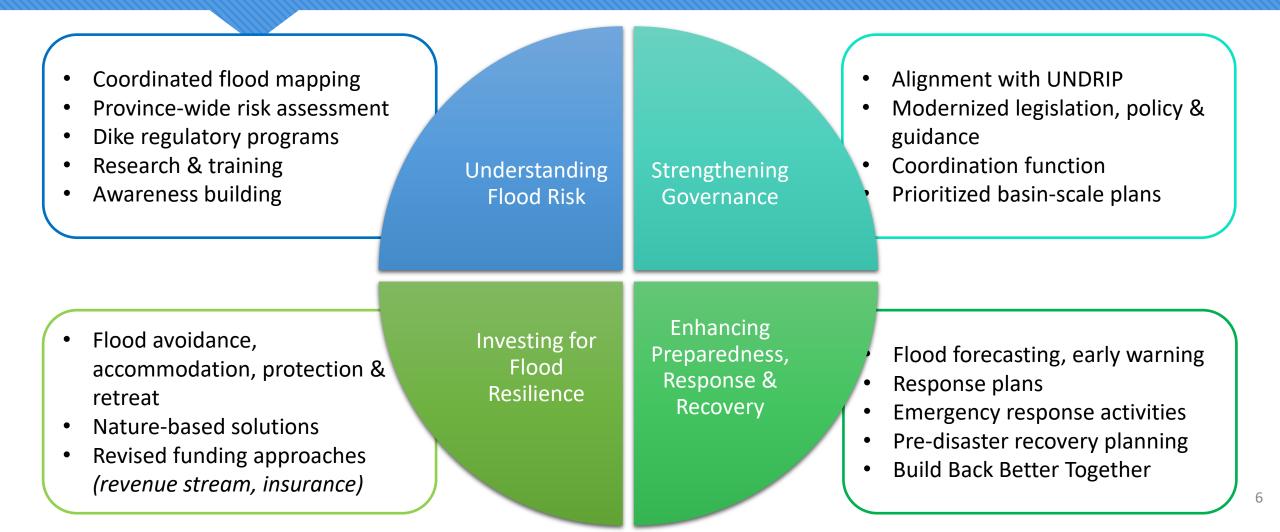
 11 project reports by experts & advisors

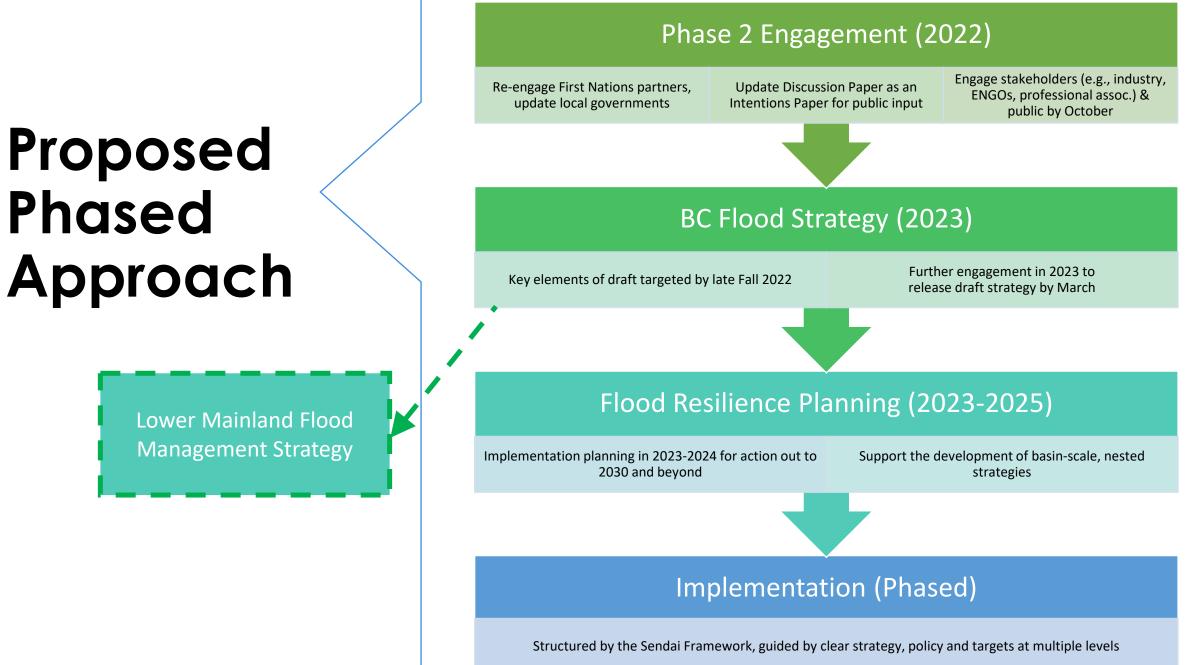
#### BC Flood Strategy Draft Vision & Principles

Together, we are leaders in innovative, holistic flood risk management, enhancing B.C.'s flood resilience for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



## **Proposed Priority Areas**

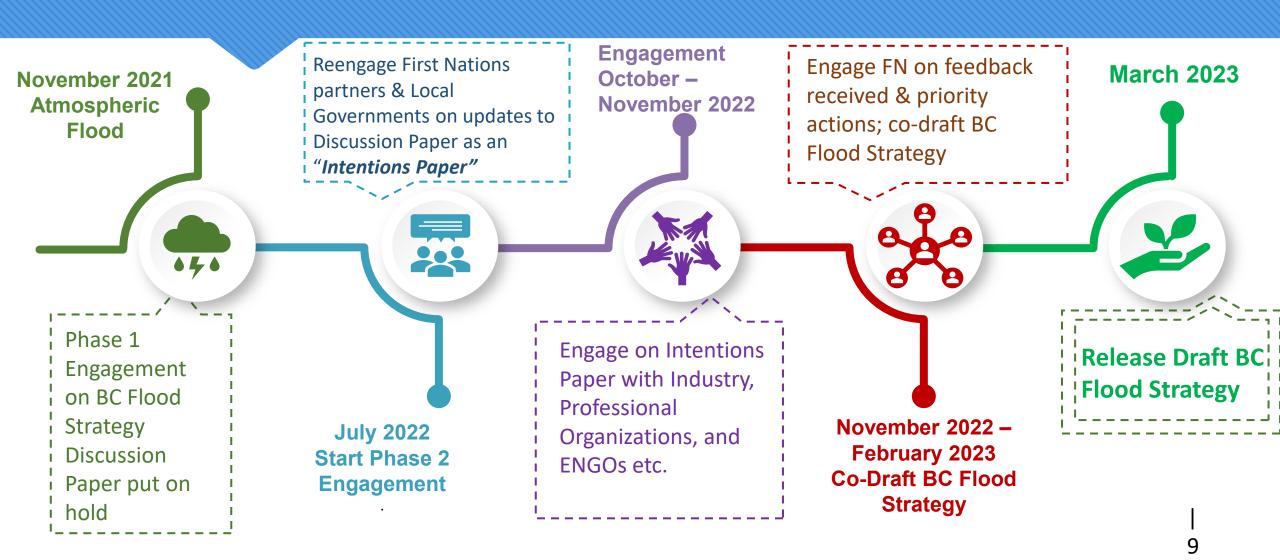




### **First Nations Engagement Principles to Support Strategy Development**



## **Proposed Phase 2 Engagement**



# Discussion

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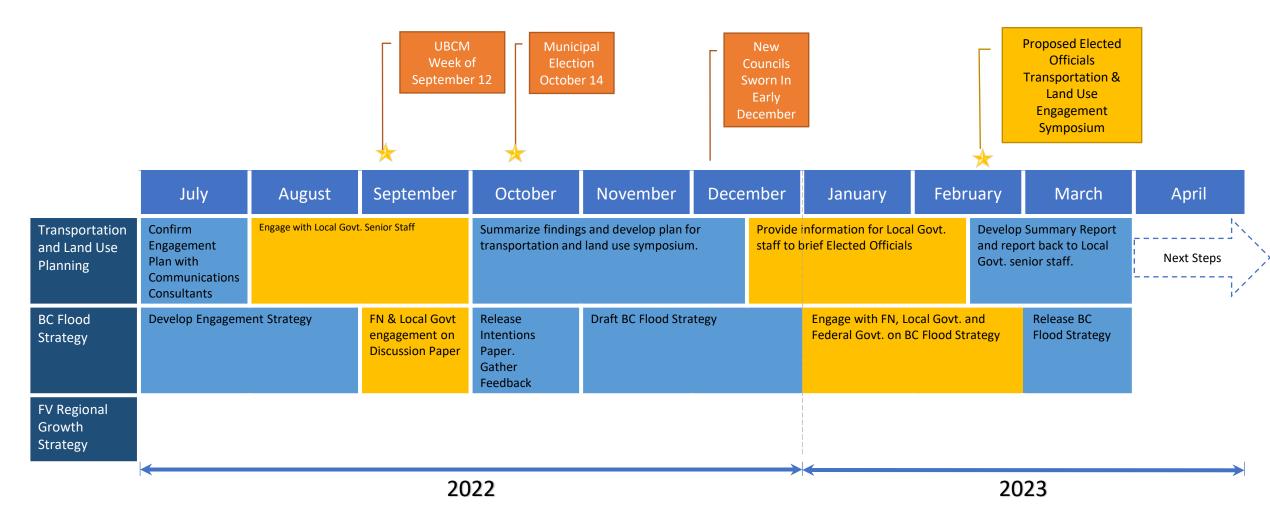
### Aligning Engagement with Linked Provincial Strategies

Seeking endorsement from Deputies for a cross government approach to engaging on issues linked to flood response and recovery (at the strategy level)

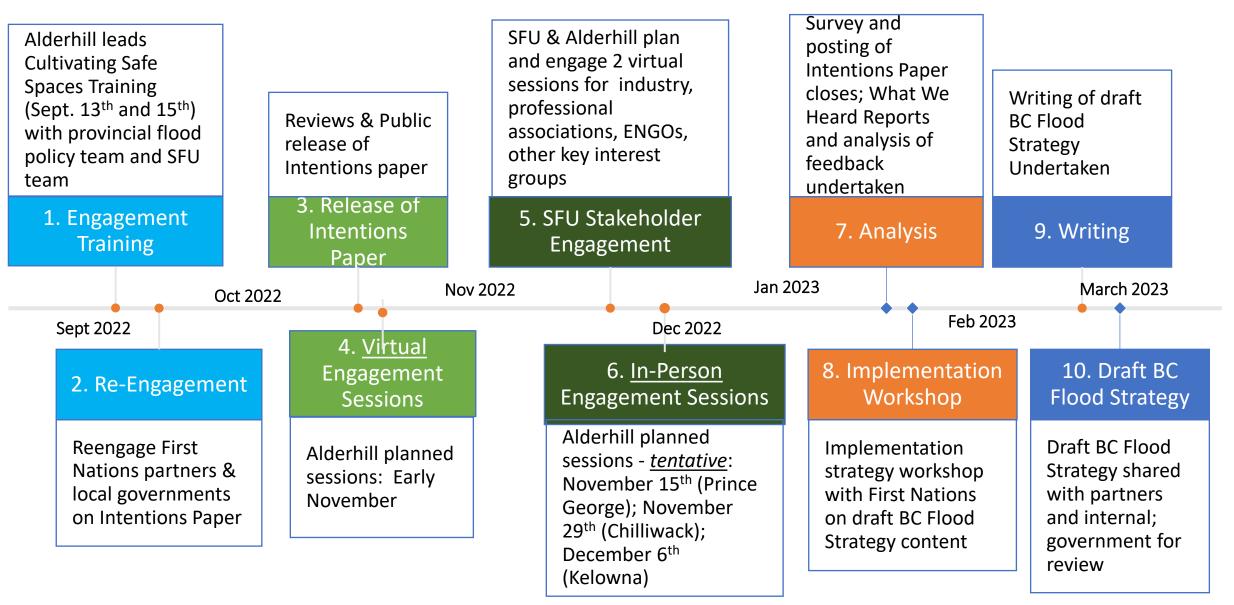
For example,

- Integrated Transportation and Land Use (MOTI)
- Emergency Program Act modernization (EMBC)
- Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy (ENV)
- Risk-Based Planning (MUNI)
- Watershed Security Strategy and Fund & Wild Salmon Strategy (LWRS)

### Example: Aligning Engagement Efforts with Ministry of Transportation

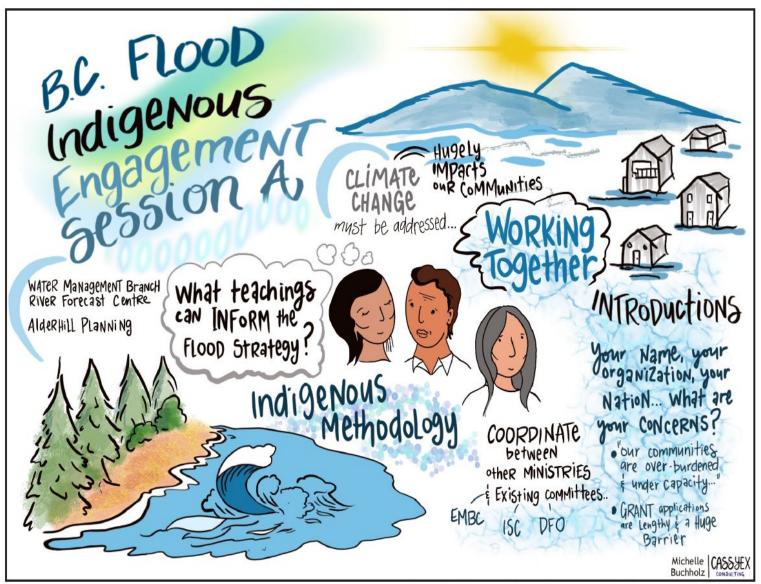


#### Phase 2 Engagement Timeline 2022-2023



### What We Need to Consider

- Effective flood governance requires prioritizing and strengthening relationships across the entire watershed and beyond.
- 2. There is a need for the respectful and reciprocal sharing of information and data.



Graphic Recording, Session A1 - January 12, 2021

### What We Need to Consider

- Communities require sufficient capacity and funding to work toward flood resilience.
- Flood resilience requires place-based strategies that are designed and implemented by community.



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