

A group of seven people are standing in a forest, looking out over a large body of water. The forest is composed of tall, thin trees, some of which are bare, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The people are dressed in outdoor gear, including jackets and hats. One person is wearing a bright yellow safety vest. The background shows a range of mountains under a cloudy sky.

FOREST LANDSCAPE PLANNING

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS IS KEY

MINISTRY OF FORESTS GOALS

- Economic resilience for all
- Advancing reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples through partnerships
- Collaborative management agreements and shared decision-making with First Nations in forest landscape planning (FLP's)
- Sustainable Forest Stewardship for all values
- Climate Action Commitment



FLP'S & INDIGENOUS GOVERNANCE

Legislative Update

- FRPA now includes Section 7 Declaration Act decision-making agreements as an option, integrating Indigenous governance.

Expanded Objectives

- Decision-making agreements can introduce additional objectives for Forest Landscape Plans (FLPs).

Consensus Building

- Consultation and cooperation processes are required.
- First Nations may formally provide notice of their consent or lack of consent.

Dispute Resolution

- Facilitation is required to resolve disputes.



WHAT IS FOREST LANDSCAPE PLANNING?

Strategic Land Use Planning

Sets legal direction under a cabinet approved land use plan



Strategic Scale

- Is conducted in partnership with Indigenous governments
- Engages local governments, stakeholders and the public in the planning process

NEW Forest Landscape Planning

Sets direction under the *Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)*
Must be consistent with an approved Strategic Land Use Plan



Tactical Scale

- Is conducted in partnership with Indigenous peoples and in collaboration with forest and range license holders under *FRPA*
- Enables deeper engagement & greater transparency with local governments and stakeholders

Operational/Site-level Planning

Must follow an established Forest Landscape Plan or propose variances to the plan for government approval



Operational Scale

- Promotes cooperation with forest and range licence holders
- Provides the opportunity for all stakeholders and the public to comment on road and cutblock locations

VISION

- Working collaboratively with Indigenous Nation partners, FLPs seek to...



Develop directions for the forest sector to manage for ecosystem **health** and resiliency and support implementation of the **Old Growth Strategy**



Reflect local community **values** in forest management



Set landscape and stand level expectations for forest management & clarify the “where” and “how” for **harvesting** and other forest activities



Established, by order, by the Chief Forester & establish short term (10 year plan) direction to meet a long term vision for **future forest conditions**



Provide **certainty** for the forest sector & adaptive management with strong emphasis on monitoring

Quesnel FLP –Goals

Care for all
things

Water is life

Resilient and
diverse forest
landscape

Sustainability for
future
generations

Indigenous food
security

Indigenous
cultural security

Relationship
building and
coordinated
management

Adaptive
management
and flexibility to
learn



Key Successes

Informing other FLPs:

- Our work and learnings will make adjacent FLPs much easier
- We've built lots of tools and documentation that can be utilized by others

Improved relationships:

- We are inclusive: cultural sensitivity is a strength of the table and therefore we are building trust in the process - relationships are the foundation.
- We are proud that this plan is being built in Quesnel - we have local knowledge and local people
- We have had consistent table membership for the most part – strong investment in the FLP
- Everyone at the table understands what we are trying to achieve

Establishing an FLP:

- Values are documented and well-understood by the planning committee
- Forest licensees are respectful of the G2G relationship and structure
- Drafter/facilitator (Forsite) has been involved throughout process
- Nations are building consensus internally and with each other

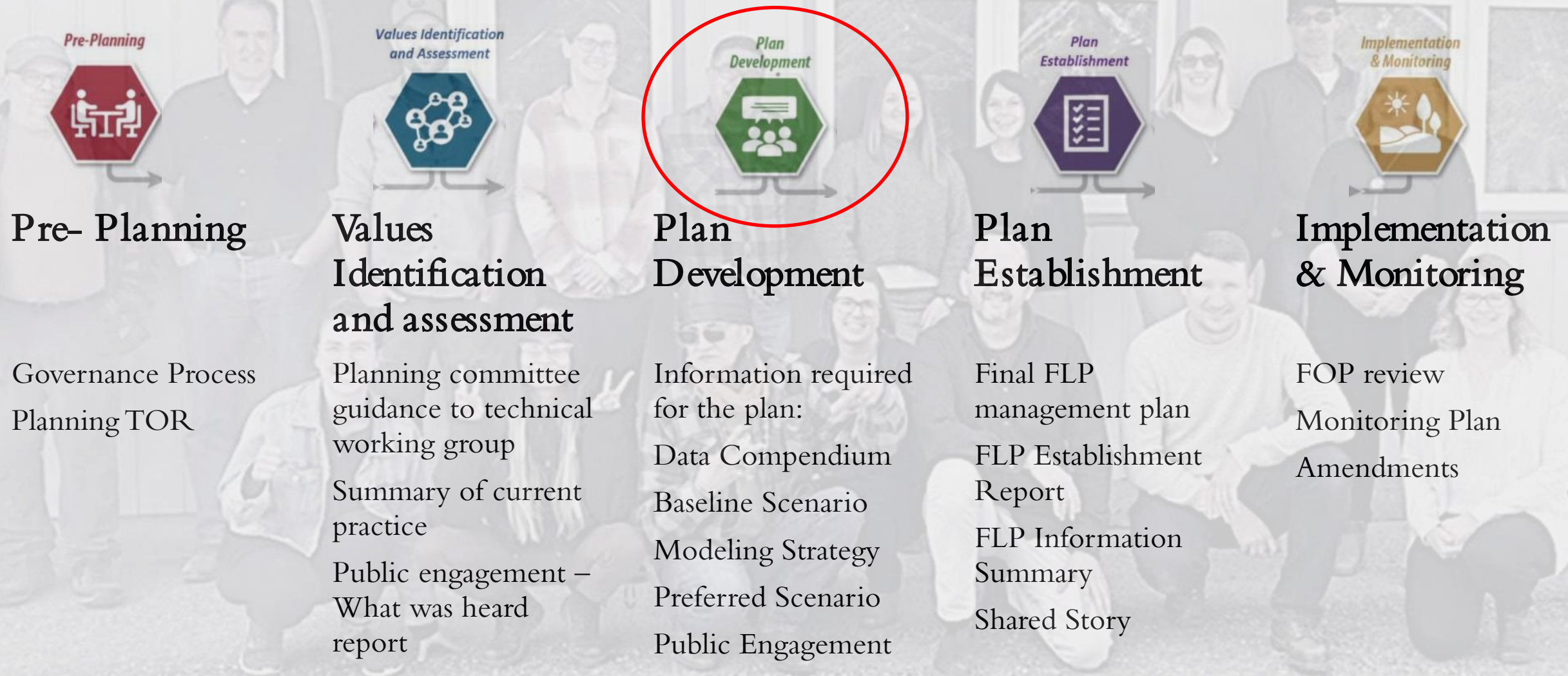
Collaboration and the path towards shared decision making - Governance

Striving for Shared Decision Making and Co-Management - We are not there yet.

- Collaboration and responding to referrals currently
- First Nations access to information
- Implementation of the FLP – Forest Operations Plan & cutting permit approvals, amendments
- Steering committee - long term for the life of the plan
- Sustained effort over time
- FLP's are one component of all landbase activities



Quesnel FLP Process



Next Steps

Modeling

- Supports development of the FLP by projecting the state of the forest over time under a particular forest management regime
- What happens to the forest if...?
- Currently Developing Learning Scenarios
- Modelling is one of many considered in the FLP

FLP Document

- Public Review Spring 2026

Value Group	Value	Scenario
		Baseline
		No Timber Harvesting
Healthy Watersheds	Riparian function and fish habitat	Enhanced Riparian Management
Wildlife Habitat	Moose	
Healthy Watersheds	Streamflow	Watershed Health Risk Framework
Wildlife Habitat	Fisher	Fisher – Maintaining Adequate Amounts of Primary Denning and Resting Stands
	Caribou	Caribou – Itcha-Ilgachuz and Tweedsmuir Herds Corridors
		Caribou – [Eastern] Herd Corridor
Resilient Landscape	Stand-level biodiversity	Wildlife Tree Retention Percent Based on Current Level of Disturbance
	Landscape-level biodiversity	Early Seral Requirements for all Landscape Units
		Low Biodiversity Risk
		Moderate Biodiversity Risk
		Old Growth Strategy
Thriving Communities	Culturally Sensitive Areas	Culturally Sensitive Areas
	Wildfire resilience	Wildfire

CARIBOO REGION PERSPECTIVES

- Two additional Forest Landscape Plans (FLPs) have been introduced in the region: Williams Lake & 100 Mile House
- Tree Farm Licences (TFLs) and Community Forest Agreements (CFAs) are in line for inclusion in the FLP process.
- Implementation of the Quesnel FLP
 - Forest Operation Plans
 - Monitoring plans

