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# Public Information Session

Water System Upgrades

Alma, NB

Village of Fundy Albert

April 10, 2024

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# Agenda



- Introductions - Englobe
- Part 1: Background
- Part 2: Temporary Water Supply
- Part 3: Water System Upgrade - EIA  
Public Meeting





# Introductions

Attendance Sheet

Englobe at a Glance

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# Englobe - Our sites in Atlantic Canada

- In Business since 1952 (Formerly Crandall Engineering Ltd. until 2018)
- Offices in 3 Provinces
- 275+ Employees in Atlantic Canada





**Background**

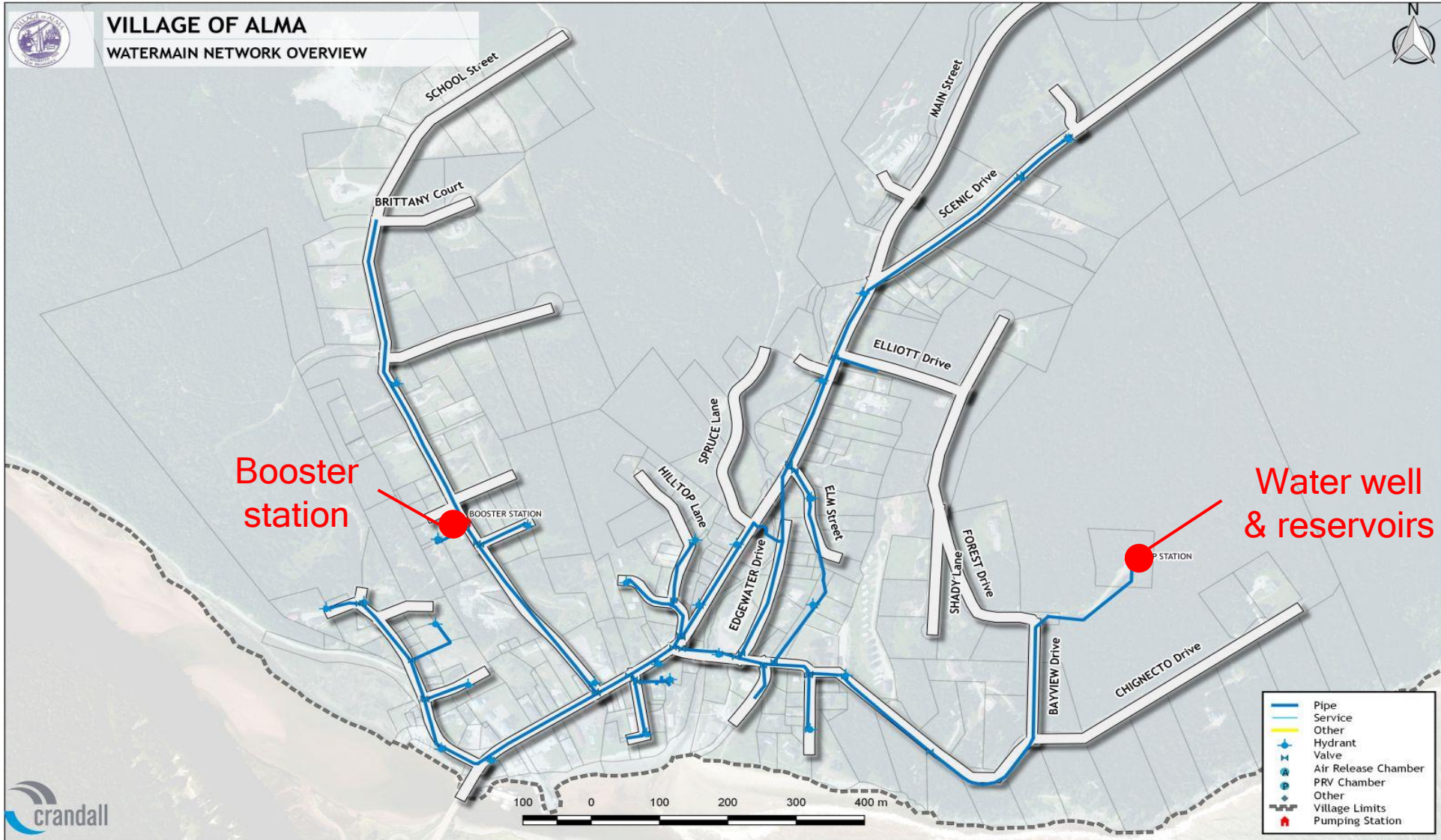
# Agenda - Part 1



- Part 1: Background
  - Existing water system overview
    - Components & current capacity
    - Existing demand (high vs. low season)
    - Key challenges
  - Questions / Discussion - Part 1



# Existing water system overview - Components & capacity



## Pumping capacity

**Pump #1**  
3.0 l/s (11 m<sup>3</sup>/h)  
**Pump #2 (backup only)**  
0.6 l/s (2 m<sup>3</sup>/h)

## Storage capacity

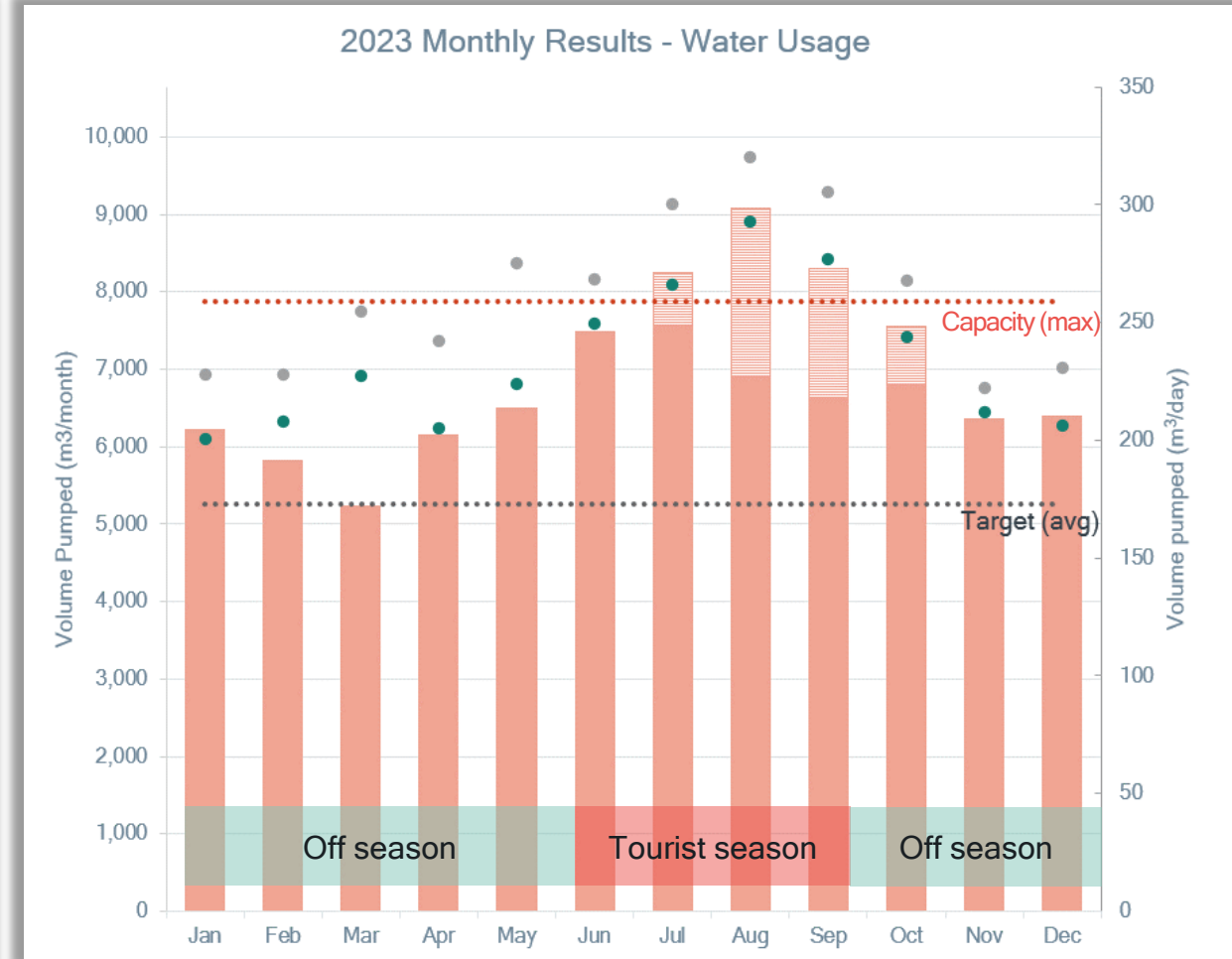
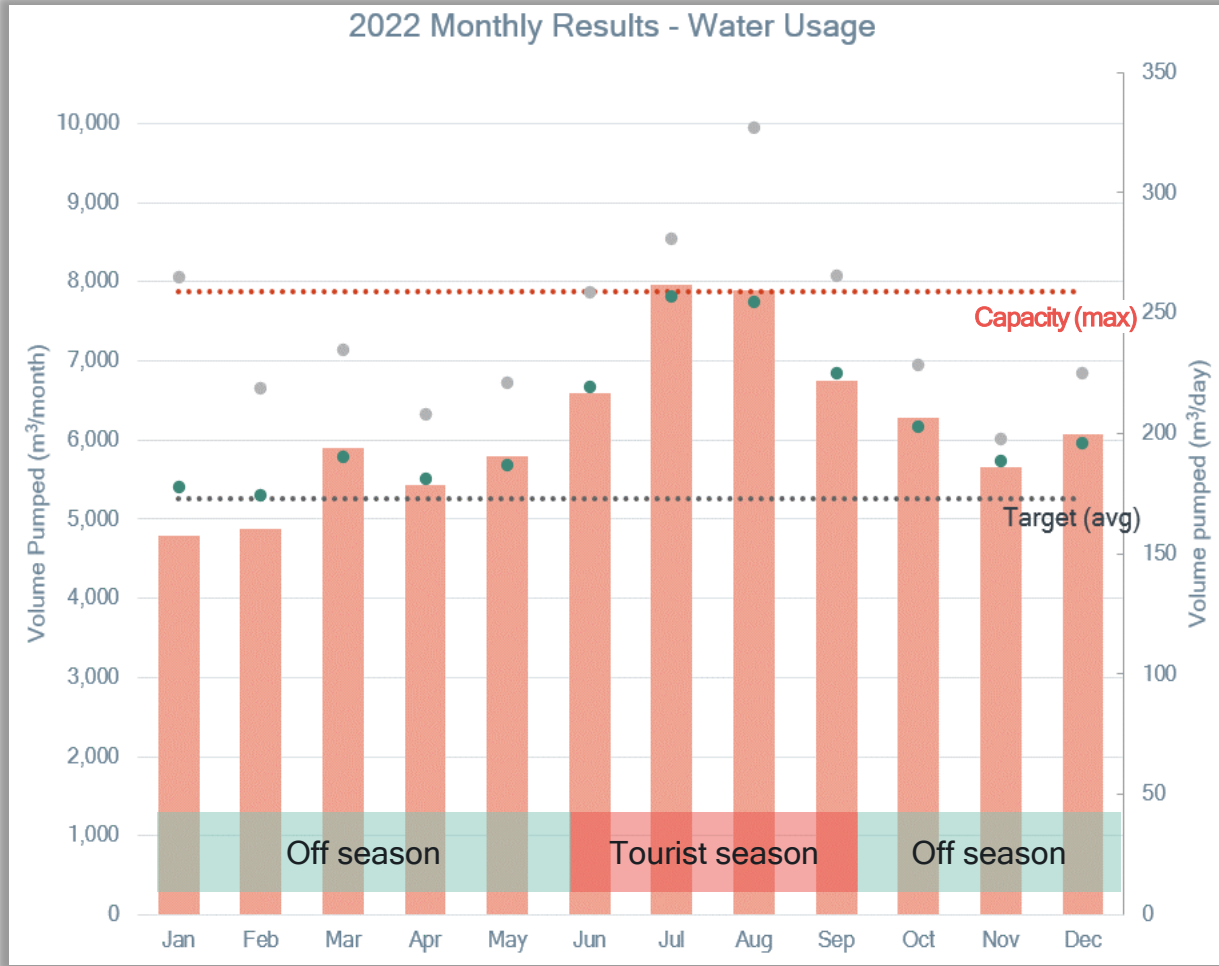
**Reservoir A**  
36,720 liters (37 m<sup>3</sup>)  
**Reservoir B**  
24,300 liters (24 m<sup>3</sup>)  
**Total**  
61,020 liters (61 m<sup>3</sup>)

## Distribution network

**Watermain 5.4 km**  
150 mm - 4.3 km (80%)  
100 mm - 375 m (7%)  
50 mm - 695 m (13%)

# Existing water system overview - Demand

Well pumping targets: 12h: 132 m<sup>3</sup>/day  
 16h: 176 m<sup>3</sup>/day  
 Max. Capacity: 24h: 264 m<sup>3</sup>/day



- Total Monthly Volume Pumped (Alma) (m<sup>3</sup>)
- Average Daily Volume Target
- Average Daily Volume Pumped (m<sup>3</sup>)

- Total Monthly Volume Pumped (FNP) (m<sup>3</sup>)
- Maximum Daily Volume Target
- Maximum Daily Volume Pumped (m<sup>3</sup>)





## Alma seasonal population fluctuation



**282**  
Residents (2021 census)



**5,000+**  
Summer weekly visits (anecdotal)

## Boil water advisories

- Frequent occurrence, particularly during summer
- Known causes include:
  - Fluctuating turbidity levels
  - Limited system capacity, unable to replenish water reservoir
  - High water demands

# Questions / Discussion - Part 1





1 Crossing the bridge



Temporary Pipe from FNP

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3 Connection to Alma



Temporary water supply  
from Fundy National Park

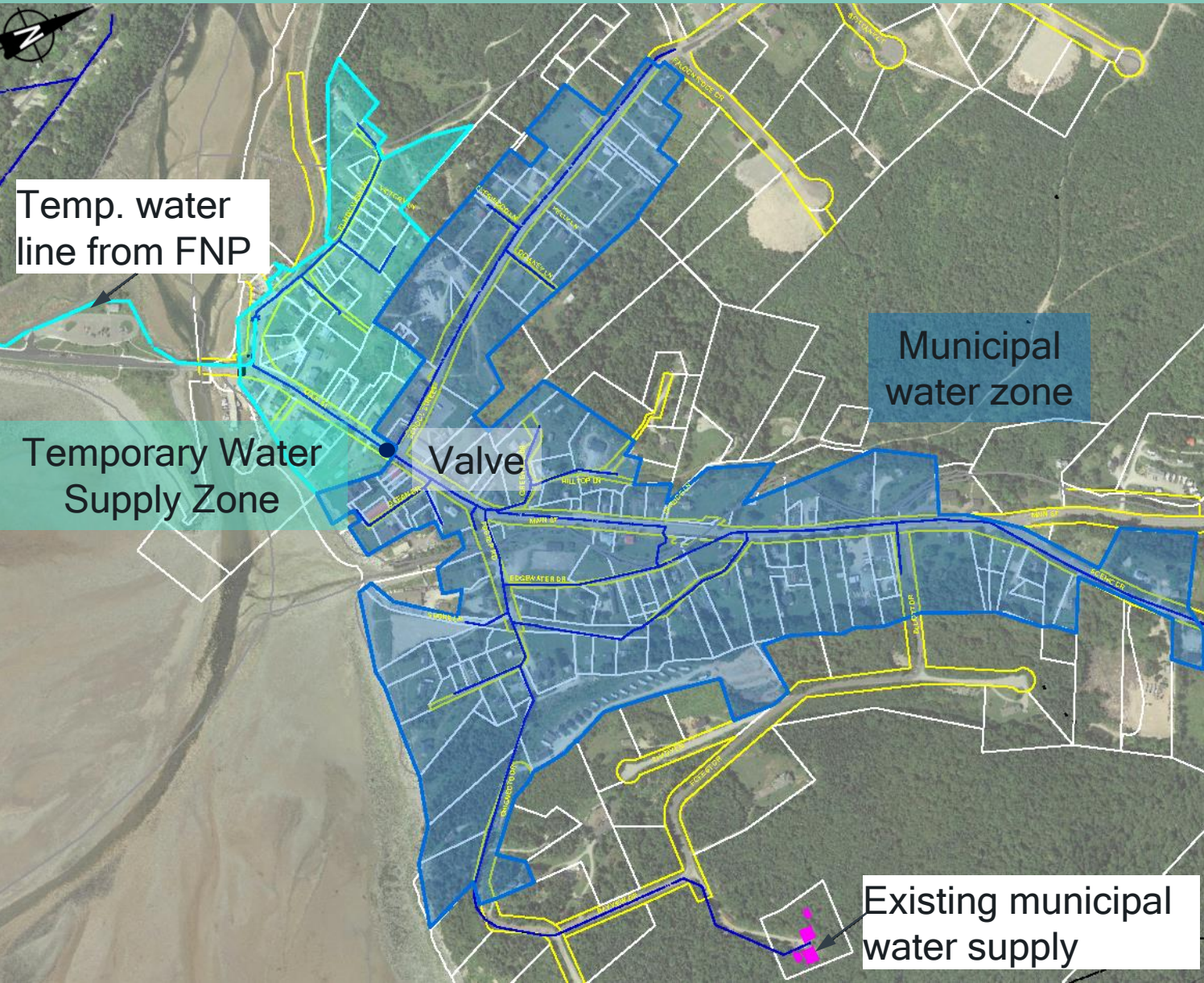
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- Part 2: Temporary Water Supply from Fundy National Park (FNP)
  - Two distinct zones:
    - Temporary water supply zone
    - Municipal water zone
  - Anticipated timeline & impacts
  - Questions / Discussion - Part 2



# Temporary water supply: Water line from FNP



Two distinct zones, both properly treated/disinfected, and monitored:

## Temporary Water Supply Zone

- Water from Fundy National Park will serve Main St. from FNP Bridge to School St., incl. Fundy View Dr.

## Municipal Water Zone

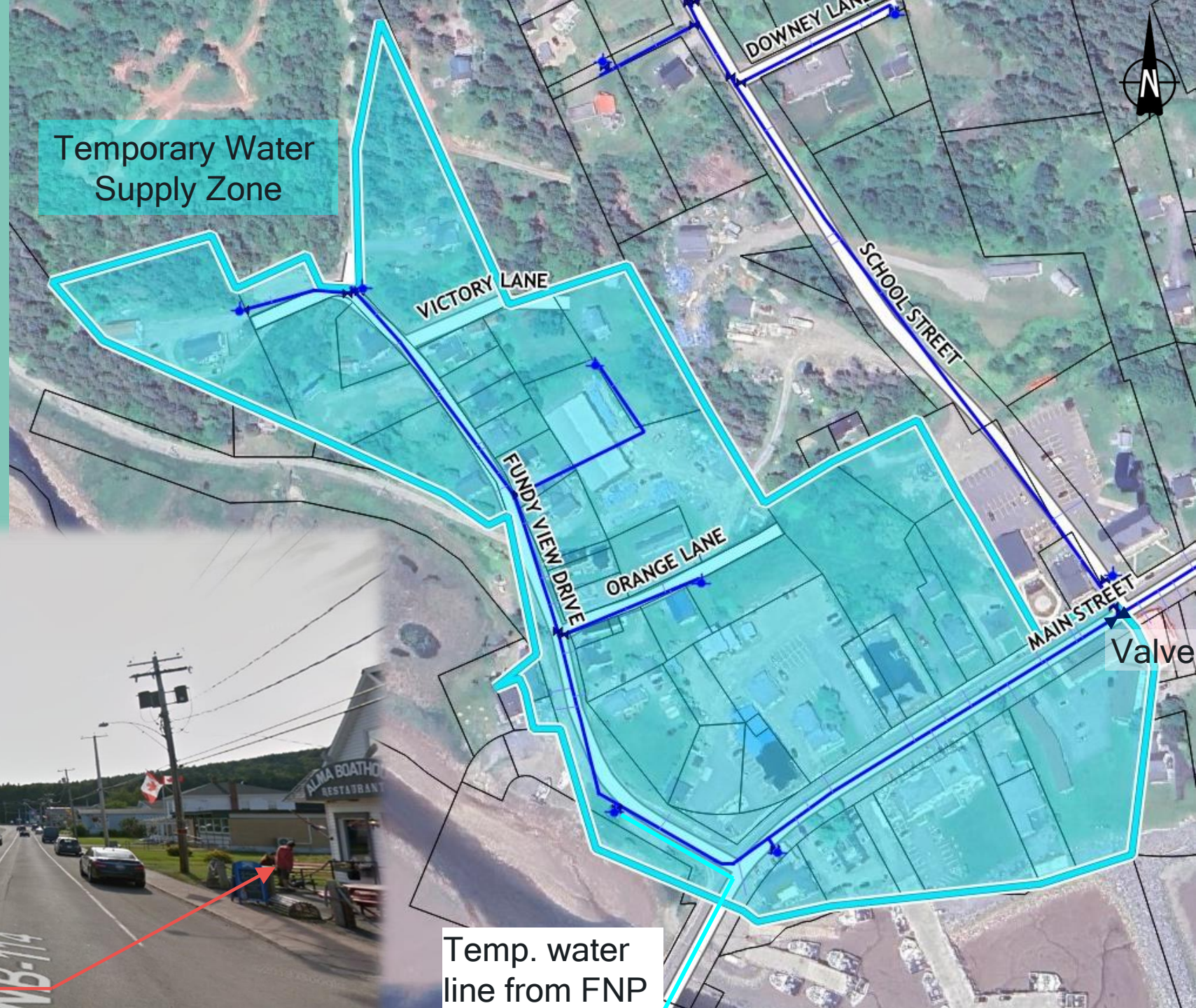
- The Village well will continue to distribute water from the Forest Dr. reservoir to and including School St.



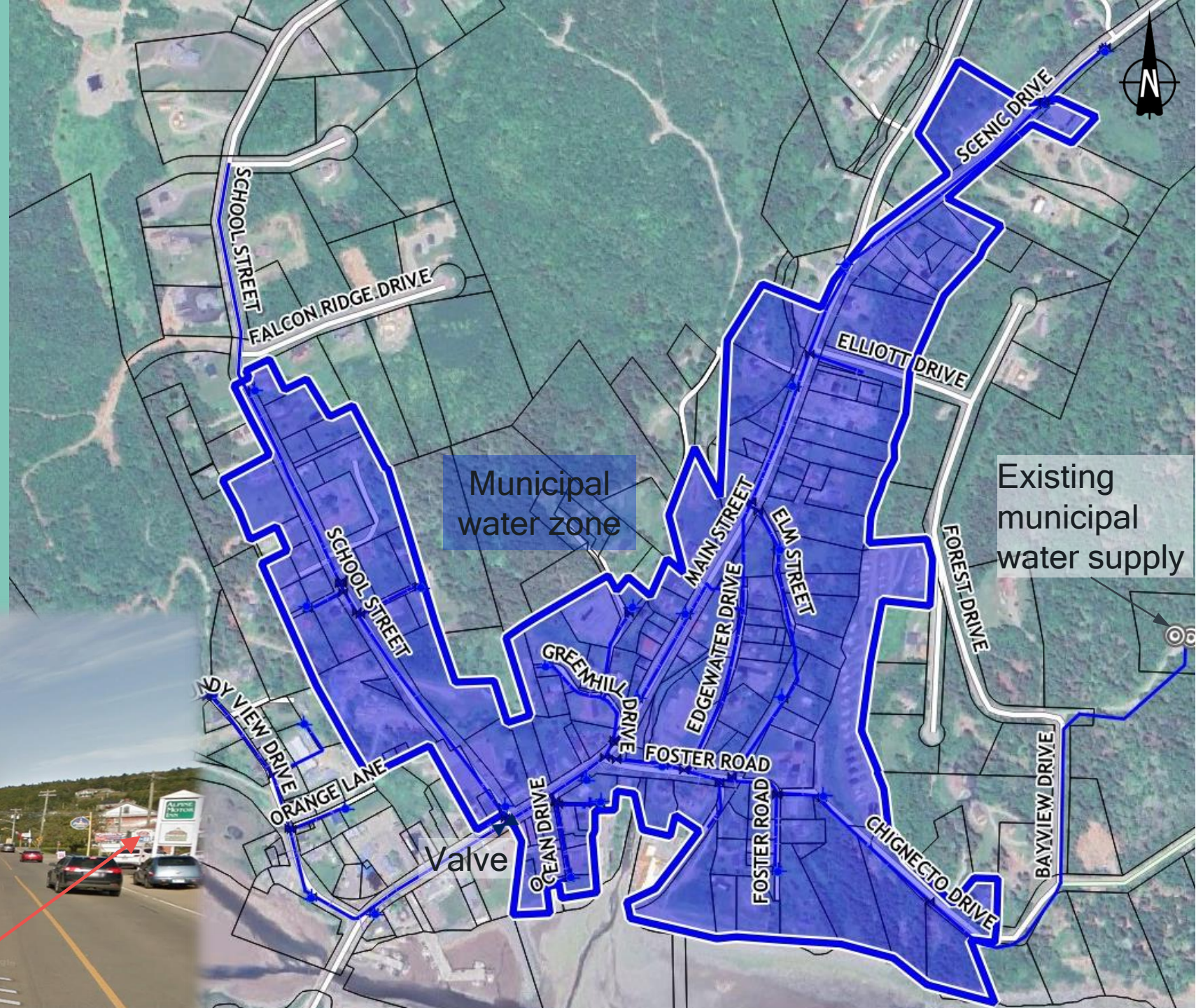
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# Temporary Water Supply Zone



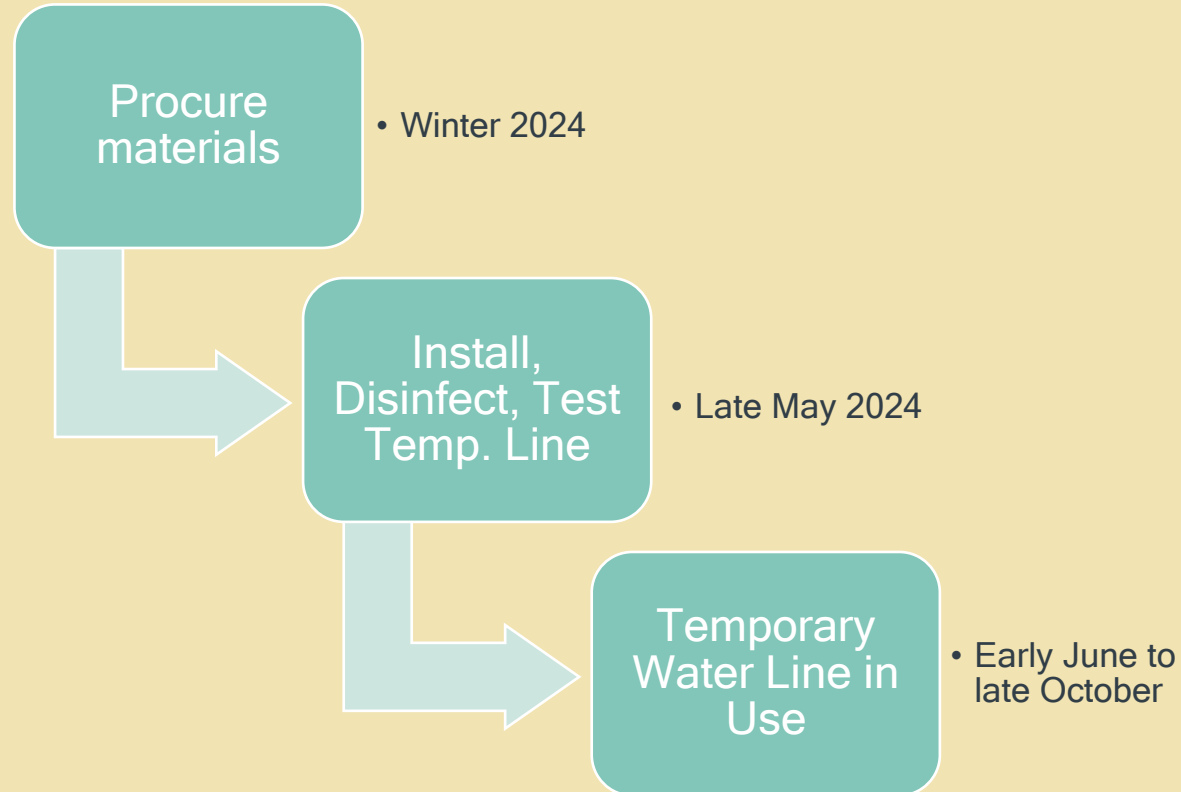
# Municipal Water Zone



# Temporary water supply: Water line from FNP



## Timeline



## Impacts - boil advisory?

- Proactive approach - to be installed, disinfected and brought online before peak season
- 2023 boil advisory was initiated BEFORE temporary line was installed
- Goal: minimize potential for boil advisories
- Communication is key
  - Residents - know your zone
  - NB Department of Health - evaluate risk associated with temporary line and partnership with FNP
- Temporary measure - not long-term solution
- Water conservation is still important
- Planned for 2024 and possibly 2025



# Questions / Discussion - Part 2



# Water System Upgrade:

# EIA Public Consultation Session

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# Agenda - Part 3

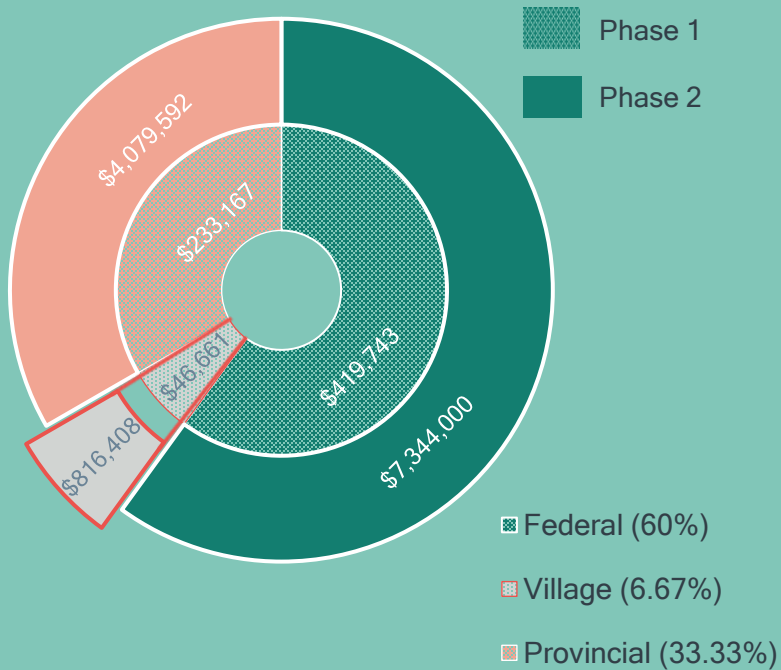


- Part 3: Water System Upgrade - EIA Public Meeting
  - Water System Upgrade & EIA Overview
  - Phase 1: Exploration (complete)
  - Phase 2: New infrastructure
    - Part A: Boil Advisory resolution
    - Part B: Water System Expansion
  - Anticipated timeline
  - Capital costs and user fees



# Water System Upgrade & EIA Overview

Funding Structure: >93% Fed.-Prov. Funding



- Primary goal: resolving long-term boil advisories
- How: Additional system capacity
  - Water production (well) capacity
  - Water storage capacity
  - Booster station capacity
- Two Phases:
  - Phase 1: Well Exploration & EIA
  - Phase 2: New Water Infrastructure
- Funding structure: 93.33% Federal-Provincial - 6.67% Municipal
  - Village contribution: < \$46,700 / \$699,571 (Phase 1)  
< \$816,500 / \$12.24M (Phase 2)



# Water System Upgrade Phase 1 Overview: EIA

## Preliminary Studies, EIA-WSSA, Well Exploration & Pump Testing

- Preliminary study to identify test well targets
- EIA registration, WSSA & Review
- Test well drilling (3 sites)
- Well Construction
- Pumping tests & Hydrogeological Assessments (long-term safe yield)
- Public and Indigenous Consultations
- EIA Approval

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## Municipal well development



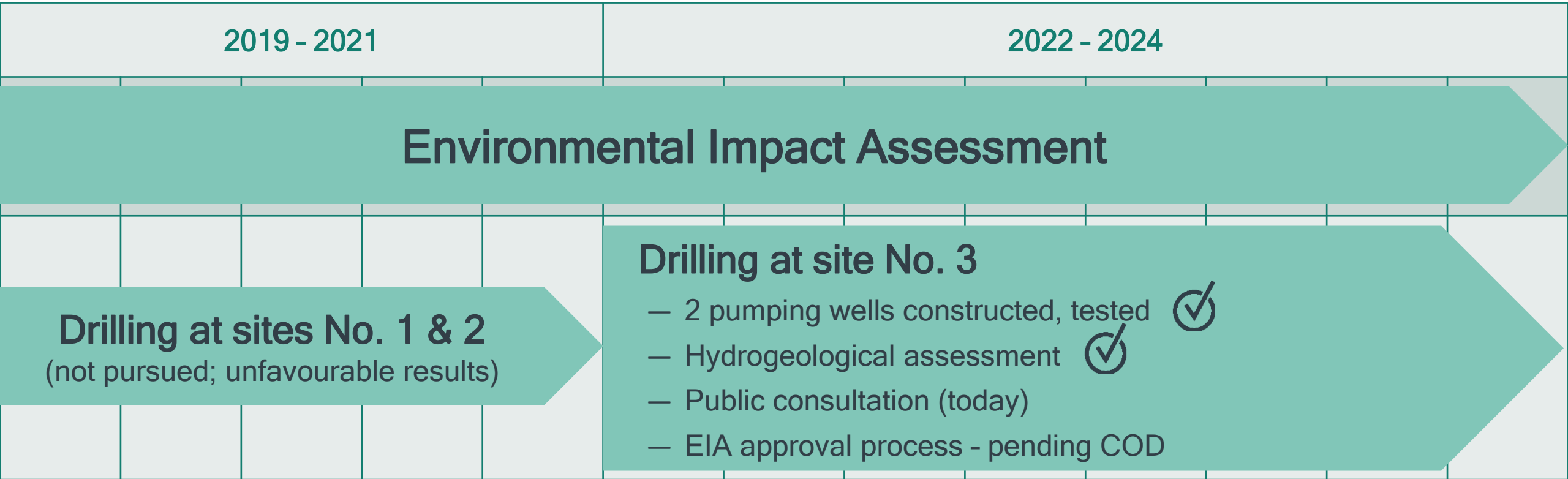
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) registration  
Water Supply Source Assessment (WSSA)



Alma Water Phase 1: Preliminary Studies, EIA, Well  
Exploration & Pump Testing



# Water system upgrade Phase 1: EIA & Exploration Timeline



# Water System Upgrade Phase 2 Overview: New Infrastructure

Multiple construction phases

## Part A: Water Capacity Improvements

- Two new wells & related infrastructure
- Water transmission main
- New water reservoir
- Existing Booster station upgrades

Major infrastructure to be sized for 25-years

Evaluation of new well capacity vs. projected water demand in progress

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Existing system pumping capacity  
 $\pm 3.0$  l/s (47 USgpm)  
New system pumping capacity  
additional 6.3 l/s (100 USgpm)



# Water System Upgrade Phase 2 Overview: New Infrastructure

Multiple construction phases

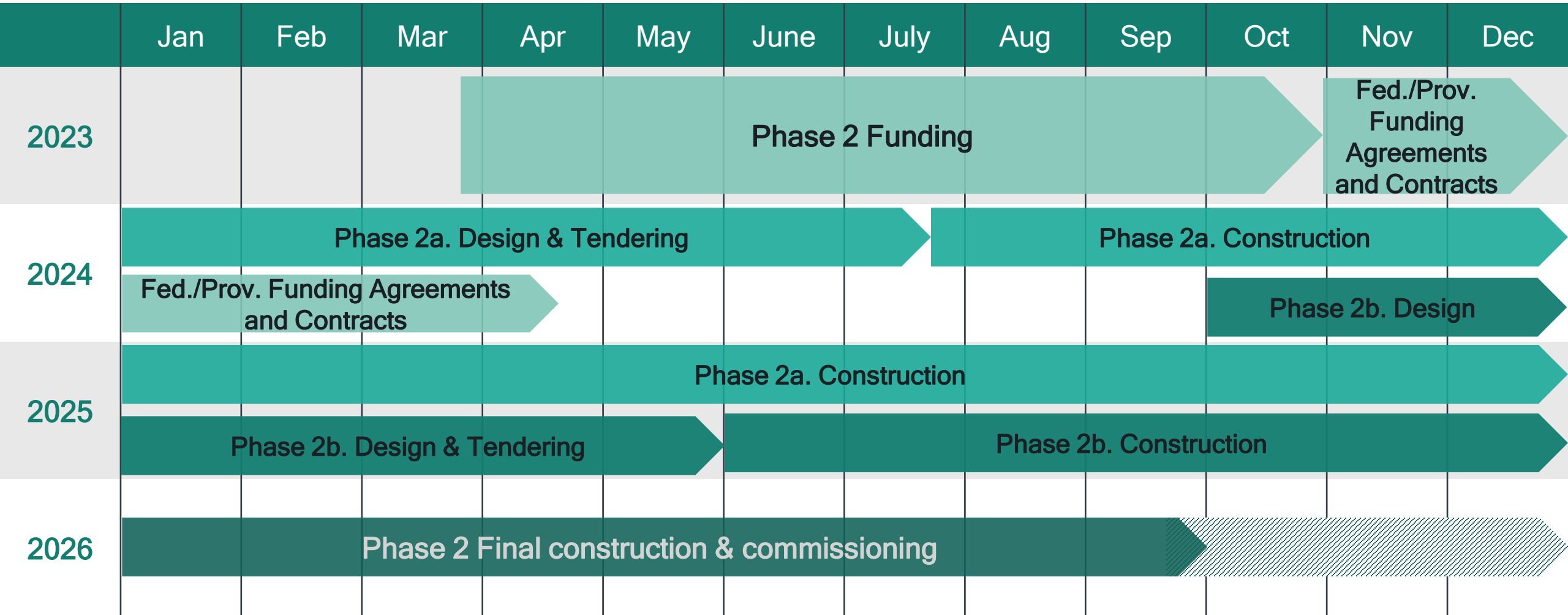
## Part B: Water system expansion

- Initial concept developed to show a viable expansion option for funding (School St.)
- Expansion on targeted areas of concern
- Goal to increase user base
- Part A design must proceed to better define Part B priorities and available well capacity for expansion



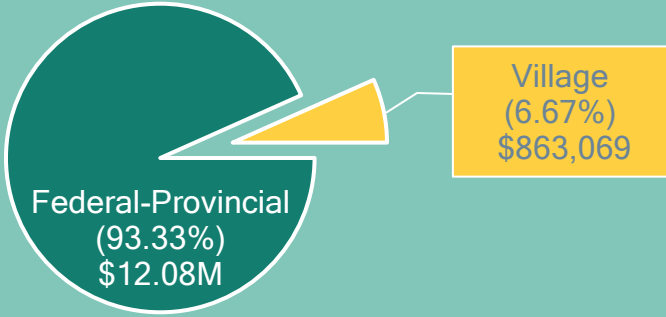


# Water system upgrade Phase 2: Anticipated timeline



# Water system upgrade: Capital cost and annual user fees

Total Ph. 1& 2  
Capital Cost  
\$12.94M



User rates are set based on factors such as:

- Actual cost to operate the system
- Surplus or deficits from previous year
- Project financing (loan re-payment)
- Periodic equipment maintenance or replacement
- Number of users

Significant unforeseen costs were incurred in 2023, including temporary water supply from FNP

Further study of rates and rate structure is planned

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Selected 2022 user rates from other municipalities are provided for comparison purposes

Important to consider communities that have done recent upgrades in comparisons

(reference: 2022 Local Government Statistics for New Brunswick).

# Questions / Discussion - Part 3 / General



**Thank you for your patience  
and your participation!**



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