


Unlocking Infrastructure Potential: Creative Use of FMA Tools at Semá:th First Nation

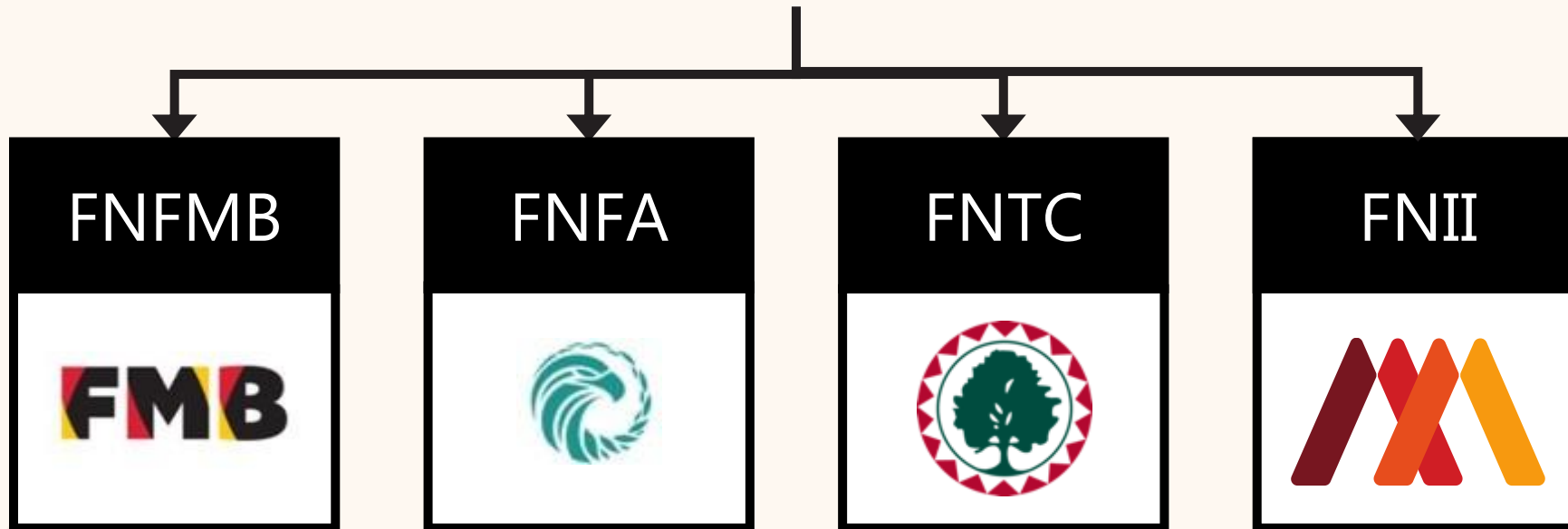
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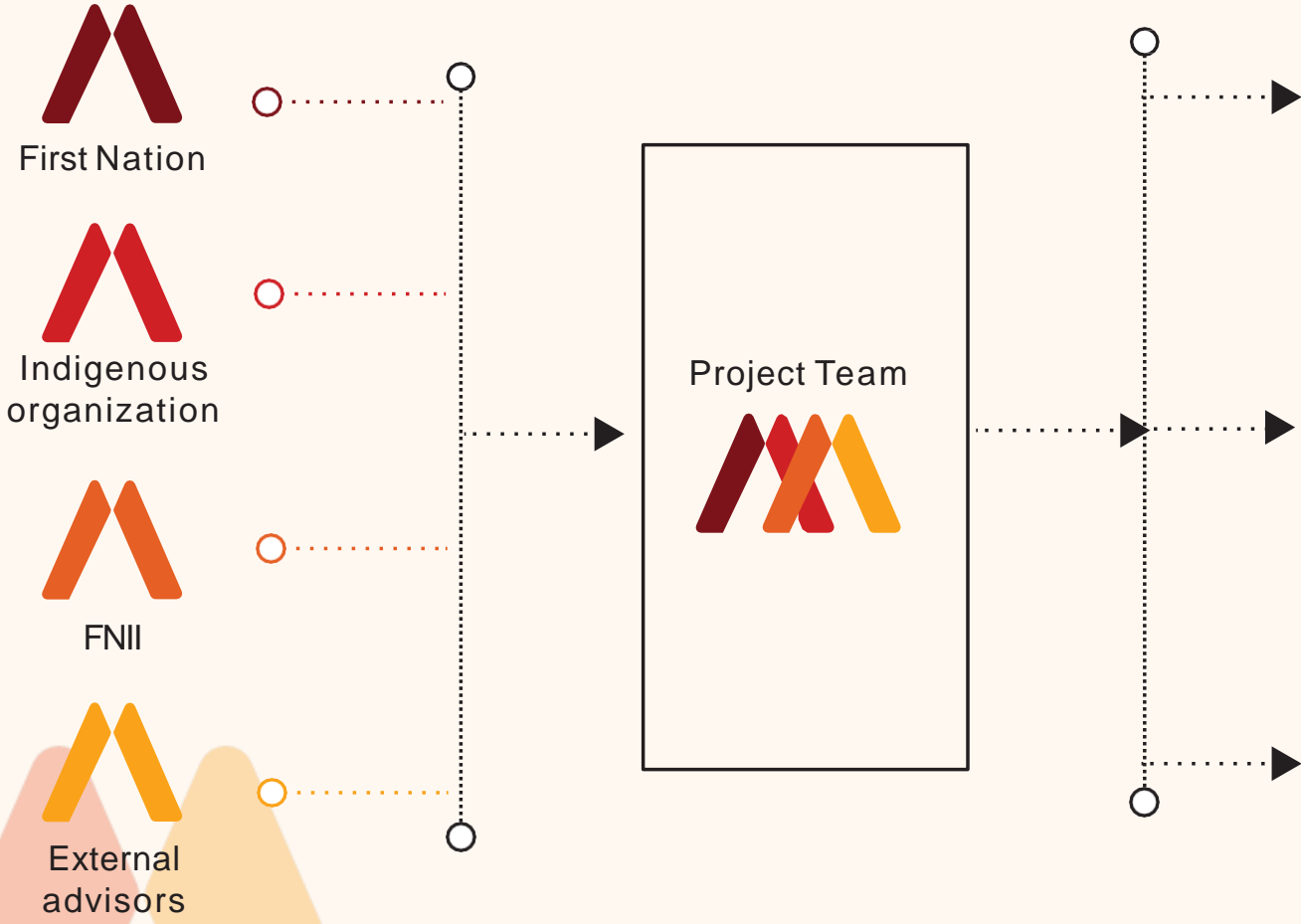


Development Board Chair Allan Claxton

“FNII has been designed to build on the successes of the FMA model. It will also be optional to all First Nations. The First Nations and Indigenous organizations that choose to work with FNII will be able to use standardized best practices to plan, procure, own and manage their infrastructure projects.”



Working together



Project Development

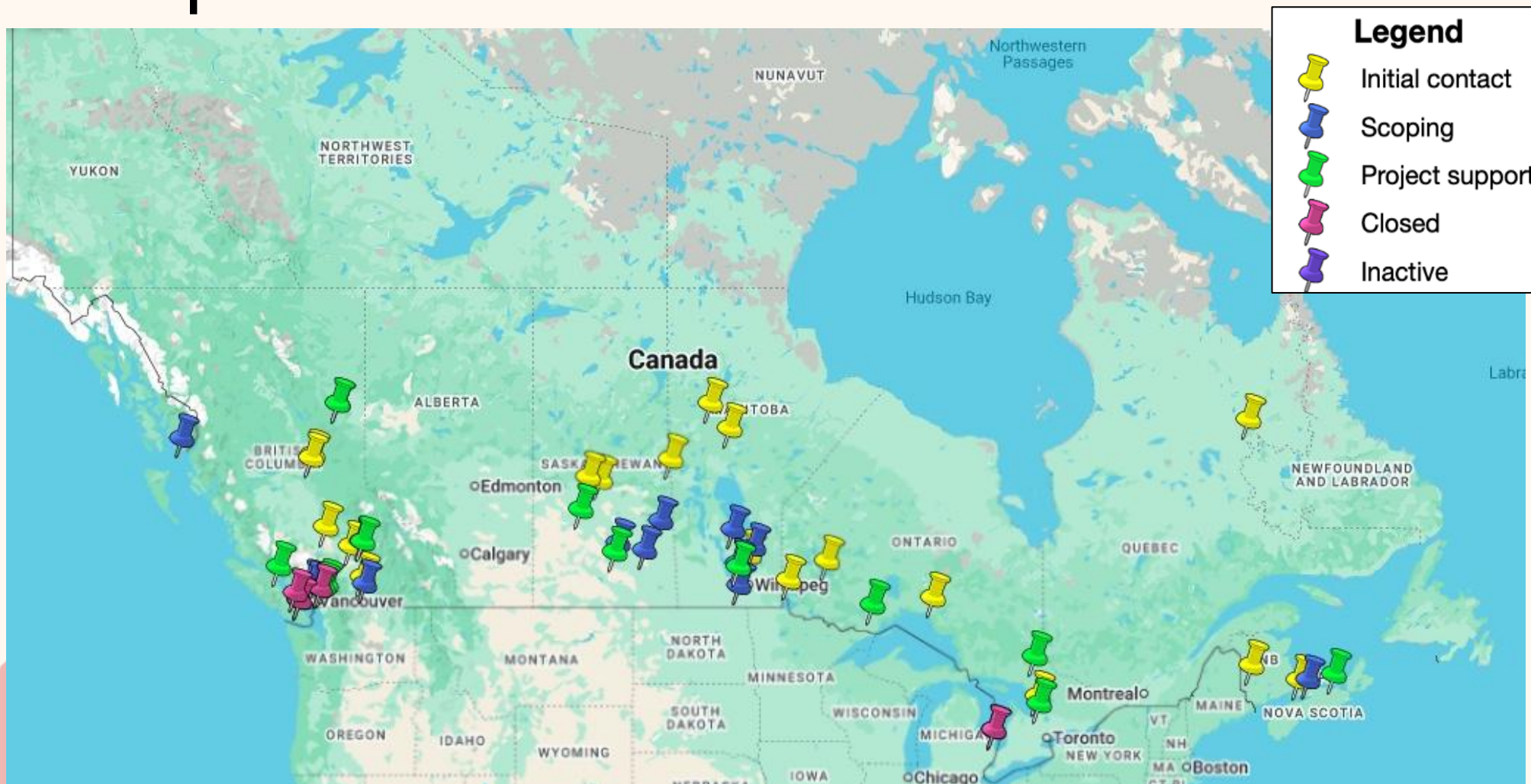


Knowledge Transfer

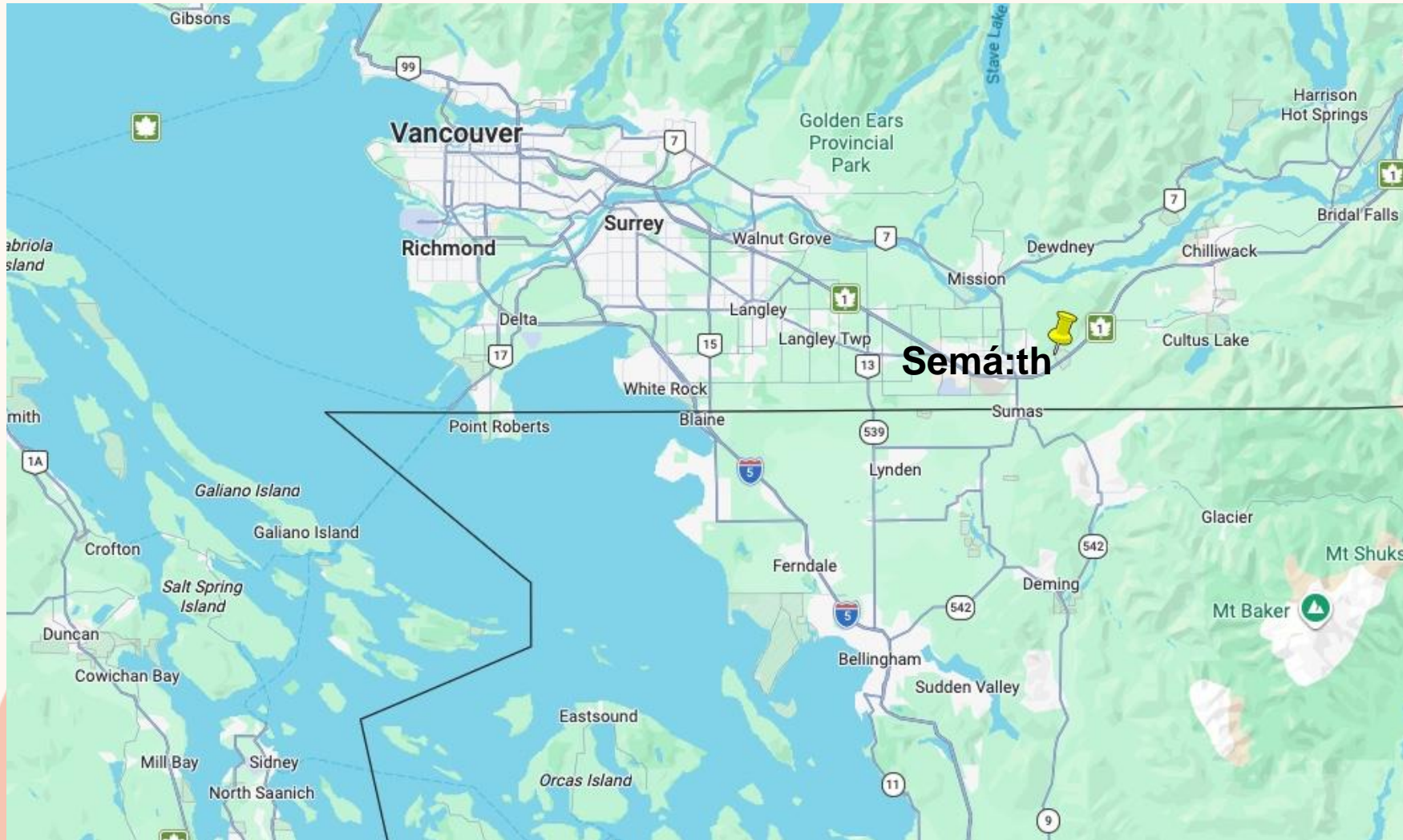


Project Delivery

FNII Update

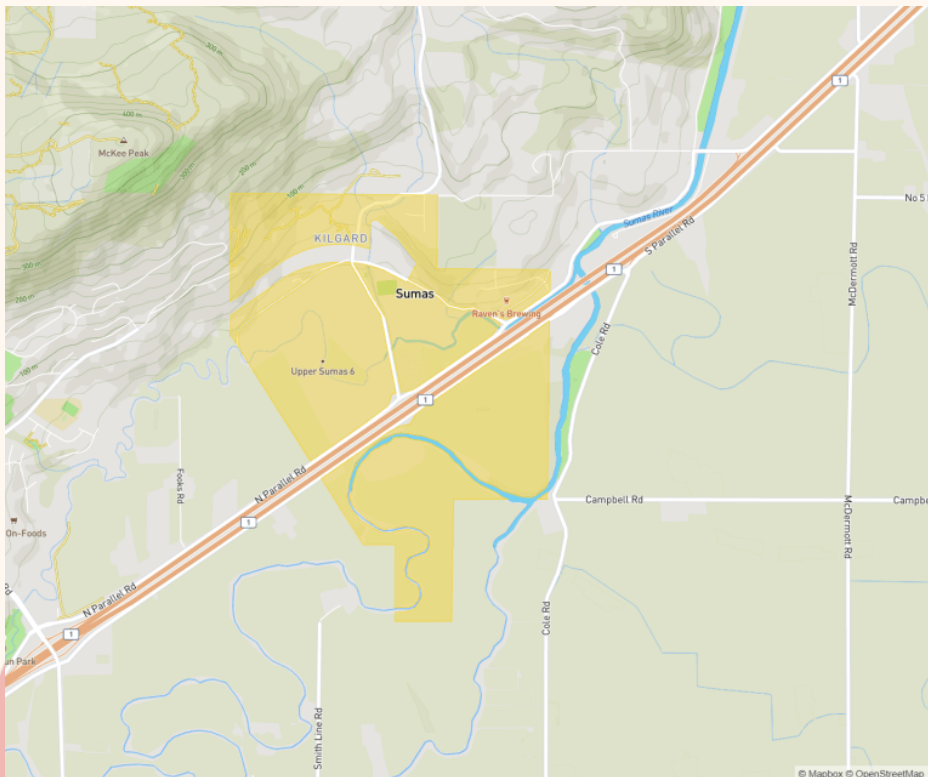


Semá:th – a central location in Coast Salish Territory



Challenge: proposed developments require more infrastructure capacity

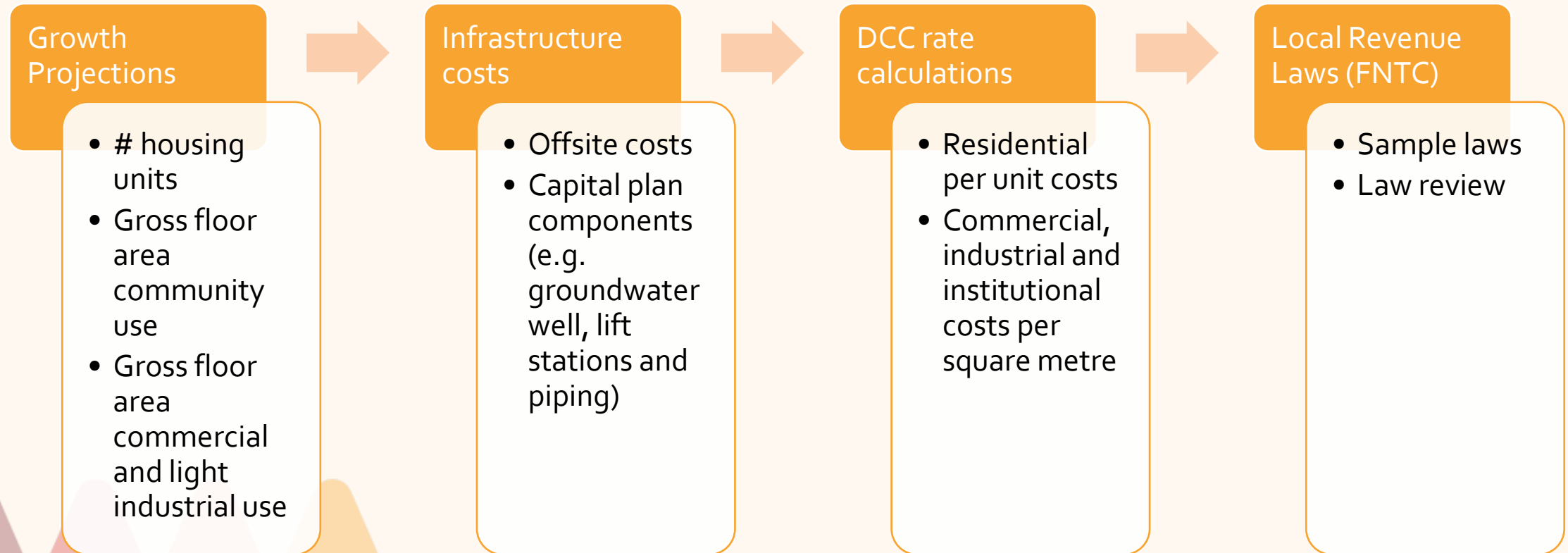
Upper Sumas 6



Challenges

- Proposals for development at Upper Sumas 6
- Not enough capacity in existing infrastructure (water/wastewater) so Council imposed limitations on new development to ensure water is supplied and to protect the environment
- Needed a solution to provide new infrastructure to service proposed development (and to pay for it!)

Solution: Infrastructure Planning and Development Cost Charges (DCCs)







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