An aerial photograph showing a town nestled between a large lake and a forested area. A main road runs through the town, and various buildings and parking lots are visible. The sky is overcast with grey clouds.

# Willingness Pathway: Implementation Update June 8, 2022

# Phase 1: Willingness Decision Project



- In 2021, the Township retained the services of Hardy Stevenson and Associated Limited (HSAL) to complete the Willingness Decision Project
- The primary objective of this initiative was to determine **how** residents believed the community's willingness to support the APM should be determined.

# What We Heard

## 1. Readiness

- Ignace residents have been learning about the APM project for over 10 years.
- Understanding of the safety characteristics of APM.
- Resident-led ICNLC has facilitated learning.

## 2. Multiple community voices

- Residents' involvement to date is one indicator of their willingness to support the project.
- Important to hear from Ignace residents who do not typically become involved in community decisions and younger voices.
- Important for the Township to continue its communication and outreach to residents of other NW Ontario communities.

# Findings: What We Heard

## 3. People want their say

- Multiple options to learn and participate in the willingness process.
- Including door-to-door community survey confidentially conducted by an independent third party.
- Multiple events.

## 4. Values guiding the decision making process

- Decision-making process to be principled: fair, balanced, transparent, confidential, and inclusive.
- Additional opportunities to learn about the decision-making process and for their questions to be answered.
- The decision period would not be rushed, time for deliberation.

## 5. Ignace's decision making process

- ICNLC members are closer to the process and for this reason would better serve as facilitators and not decision makers.
- Confidence in Council as the legal body and authorized to make the final decision with strong input from residents.

# Findings: What We Heard

## 6. Receiving information to help make the decision

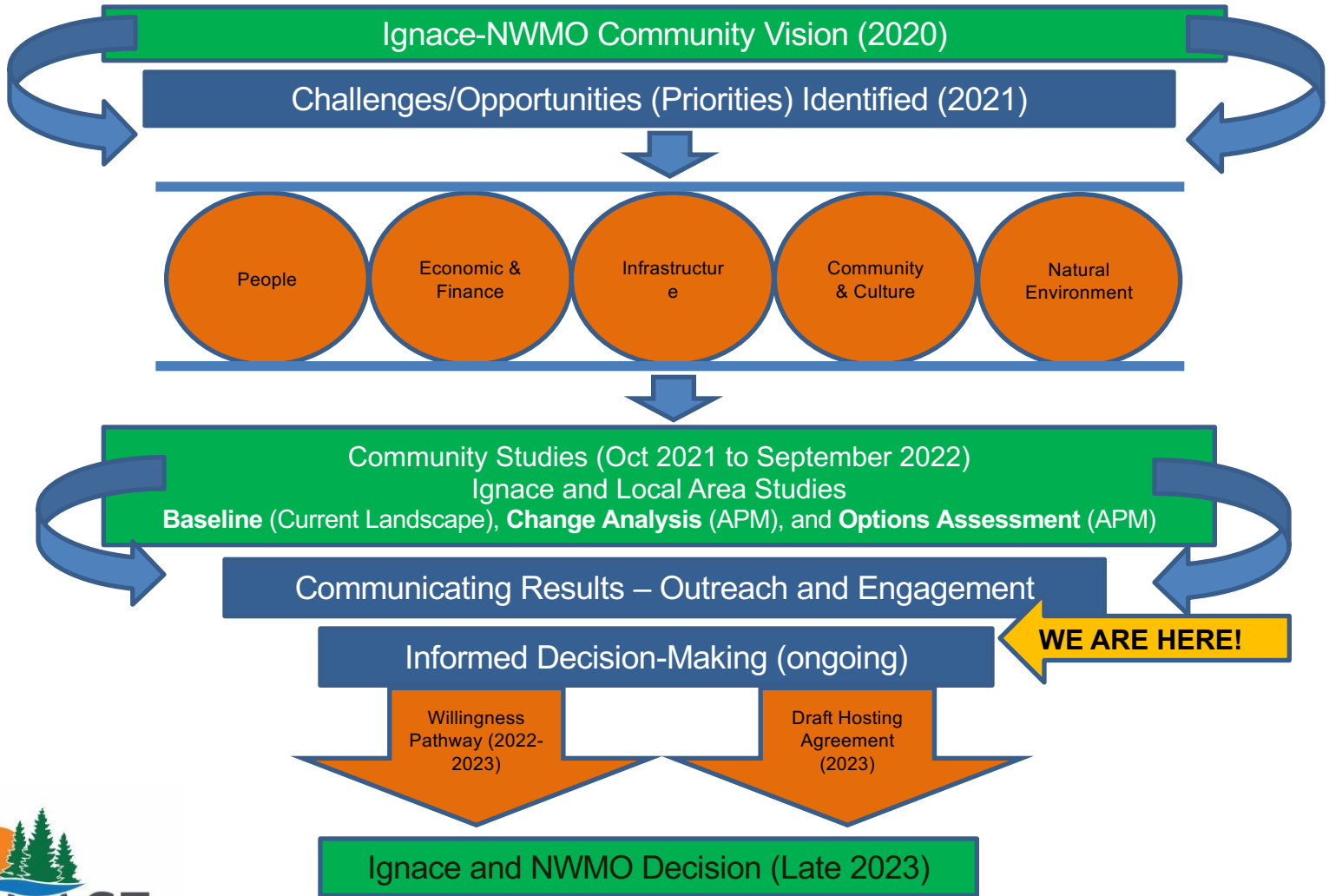
- Written materials to read and understand on their own time (e.g. mail drops and newsletters).
- In-person meetings were also seen as a favorable, pending COVID-19 restrictions.

## 7. Understanding what the project will bring to Ignace

- Information requests centered on the transportation, health and safety, environmental effects.
- Economic development, training and job opportunities.
- Changes in population, the provision of housing, infrastructure and community improvements.
- Implications of a negative choice resulting in NWMO leaving the community.

## Phase 2: Willingness Implementation

- Issue RFP to solicit the services of a qualified consultant to implement the recommendations from the Willingness Decision Project report
- Establish a Peer Review Committee
- Communicate the findings from the Community Studies



## Phase 2: Willingness Implementation

- Conduct Willingness Implementation initiatives: Spring 2022- Spring 2023
  - *Reintroduction of the notion of willingness*
  - *Education and learning opportunities*
  - *Engagement activities*
  - *Achieve a clear understanding of Ignace's willingness to host the project*
- Present project findings to the ICNLC, Council and general public
- Final report reviewed by Council June 2023
- Ignace and NWMO decision made in late 2023



**Questions?  
Thoughts?  
Comments?**

