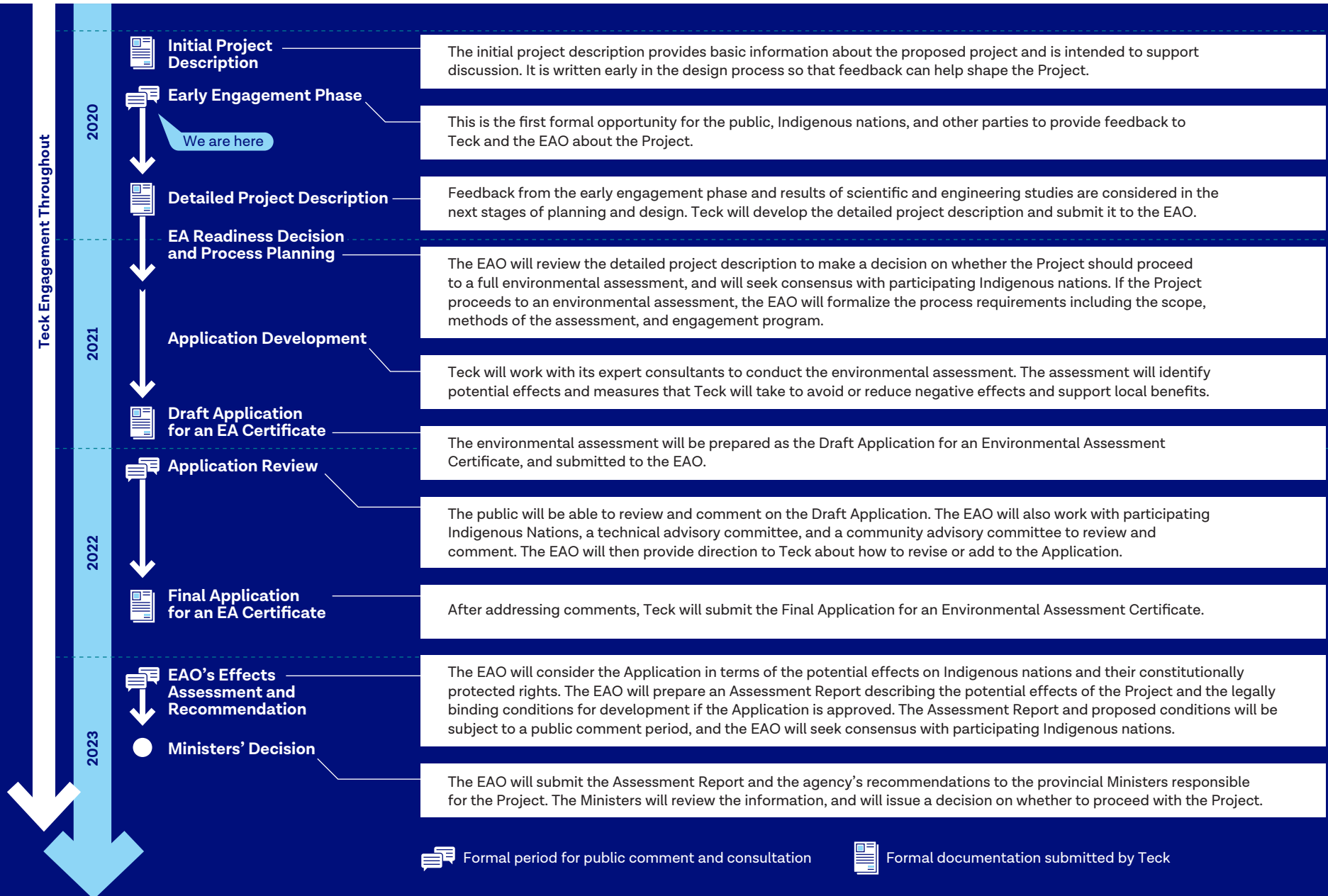


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Timeline of the Environmental Assessment Process



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Environmental Assessment in B.C.

The British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office (BC EAO) oversees the environmental assessment process in British Columbia. The environmental assessment process provides a thorough evaluation of the potential effects and benefits that may occur over the life of a proposed project. The environmental assessment considers a range of potential effects, including environmental, economic, social, cultural, and health effects.

Fording River Extension Regulatory Review

In April 2020, Teck submitted the **initial project description** and **early engagement plan** for the Fording River Extension (FRO-X) to the EAO. The initial project description includes a conceptual footprint for the Project. This footprint does not represent the actual design nor the final plan for the Project. These details will be determined over the coming months, and will be informed by input received during this early engagement phase.

By submitting the initial project description and early engagement plan, Teck has initiated the **early engagement phase** of the environmental assessment process. During this time, there is an opportunity for communities, Indigenous nations, government agencies, and others to learn about the Project, engage directly with Teck and the EAO, and help identify potential interests and concerns early on. This step sets an important foundation for the development of FRO-X. Feedback received will be considered in the next stages of planning, leading to a more robust and informed Project design.

Impact Assessment Agency of Canada

Teck has also engaged the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada about the Project. Although our current understanding is that the Project does not meet the thresholds for assessment under the federal Impact Assessment Act, we will continue to engage with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada until a formal determination is made.



The EAO's website provides more information about the provincial environmental assessment process.