

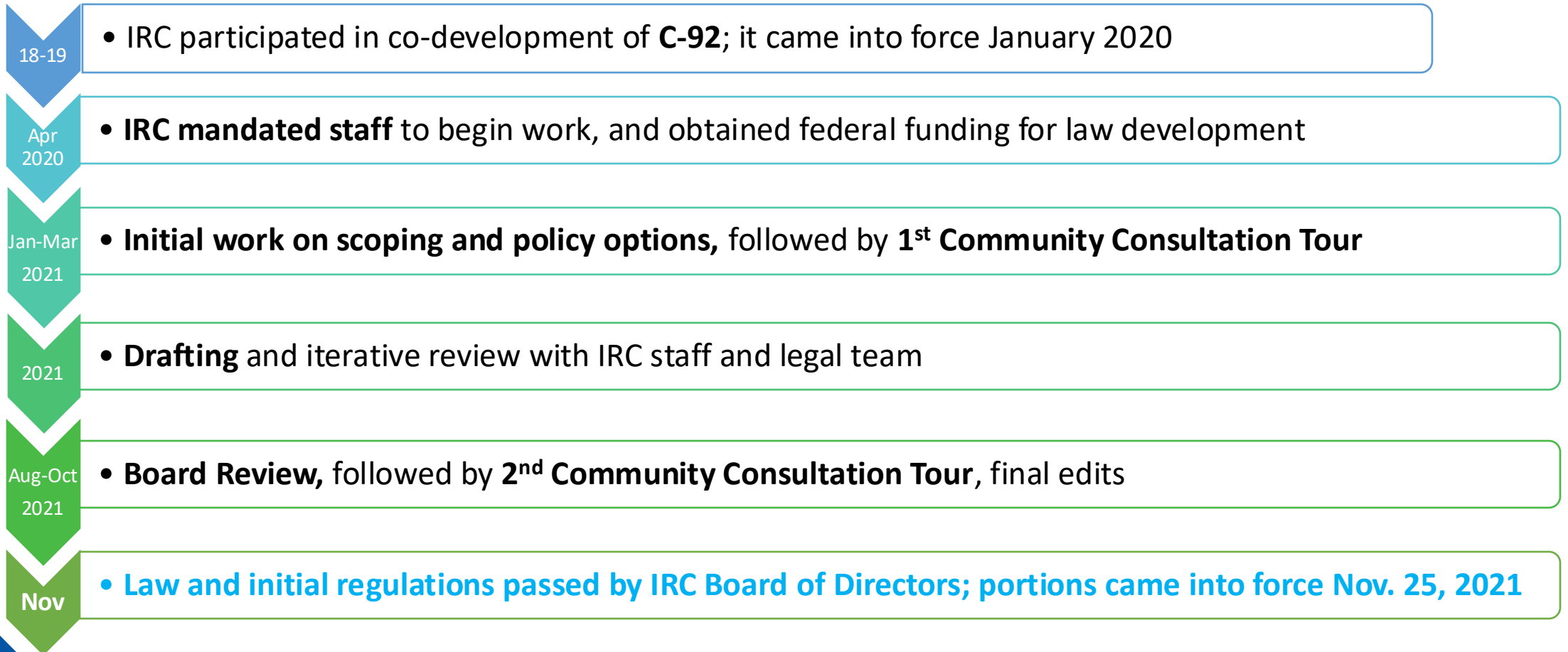
# Inuvialuit Qitunrariit Inuuniarnikkun Maligaksat



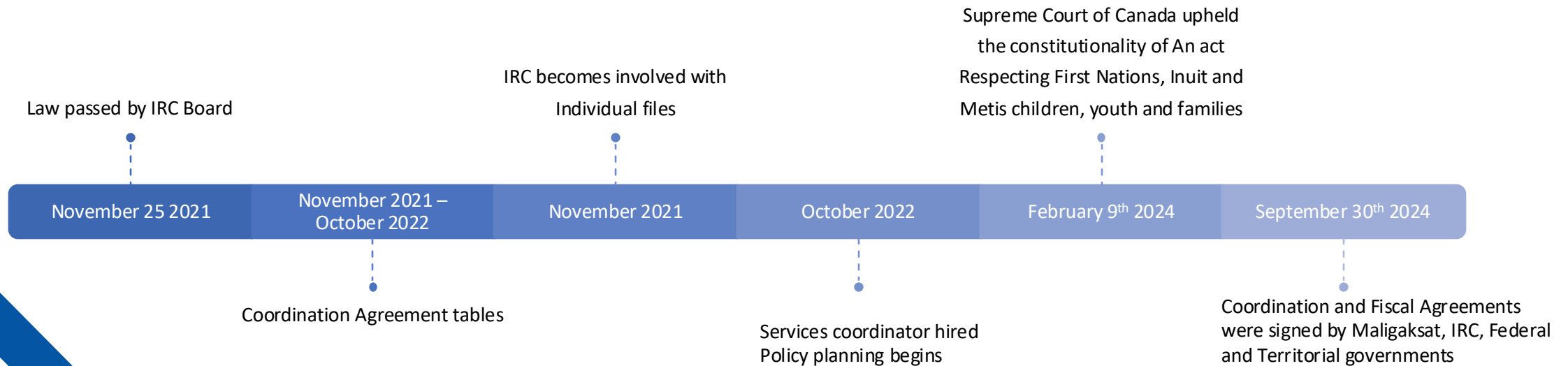
# The Law

- Exercises the **inherent right** of Inuvialuit to govern Inuvialuit children, youth, and families, as recognized in UNDRIP and in the Federal *Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families* (known as C-92).
- Built using specific feedback heard during **consultation with IRC communities**.
- Title developed by Elders representing all dialects. *Inuvialuit Qitunrariit Inuuniarnikkun Maligaksat* means Inuvialuit family way of living law.
- Creates a new Inuvialuit organization, **Maligaksat** (in context, this means Inuvialuit family way of living program).

# Development of the Law



# Evolution of Maligaksat



# Principles: s. 1



- a. To **ensure cultural continuity** for each Inuvialuit child and youth, which includes serving each child and youth in their home community to the greatest extent possible;
- b. To **enhance the supports** available to enable Inuvialuit families to thrive, reducing the need for intervention;
- c. To **improve information sharing** for fully informed service provision, advocacy, and decision-making; and
- d. To **grow the exercise of Inuvialuit jurisdiction** in child and family services at our own pace, in our own way.

# Growing Inuvialuit Jurisdiction

- **Responsible, flexible approach**

- Inuvialuit role in this sector will grow over time.
- The IRC law has a role for both the **growth** of Inuvialuit services, and the **improvement** of external services.
- Regulations can cover all topics and will increase Inuvialuit legal role over time.
- Law reaches Inuvialuit in all locations, but does not assume that Inuvialuit services will be first responders in all locations as that would not be realistic.

## **Inuvialuit services**

Maligaksat services will grow over time, especially in ISR.

Prioritizing *Prevention/Wellness* files.

Advocating on *Protection* files.

## **External services**

Will have new obligations, to improve accountability and cultural connections.

\*\*Law and regulations will apply to them (similar to application of minimum federal standards in C-92)\*\*.

# Maligaksat Services

- Primarily responsible for implementing the law
  - Advocacy on individual cases
  - Family Wellness Planning
  - Cultural Connections (for children in care)
  - Educating communities and families



# What's next?

- Transitioning NWT Wellness (VSA) files to Maligaksat
- Increase capacity (immediate future, minimum 4 additional staff)
- Grow team and infrastructure throughout ISR first, then in Urban centers where large Inuvialuit population resides
- Fully implement Wellness and Advocacy services
- Educate jurisdictions on Maligaksat and implementation
- Build toward Protection Services

# Thank you

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