

# Environmental Scan



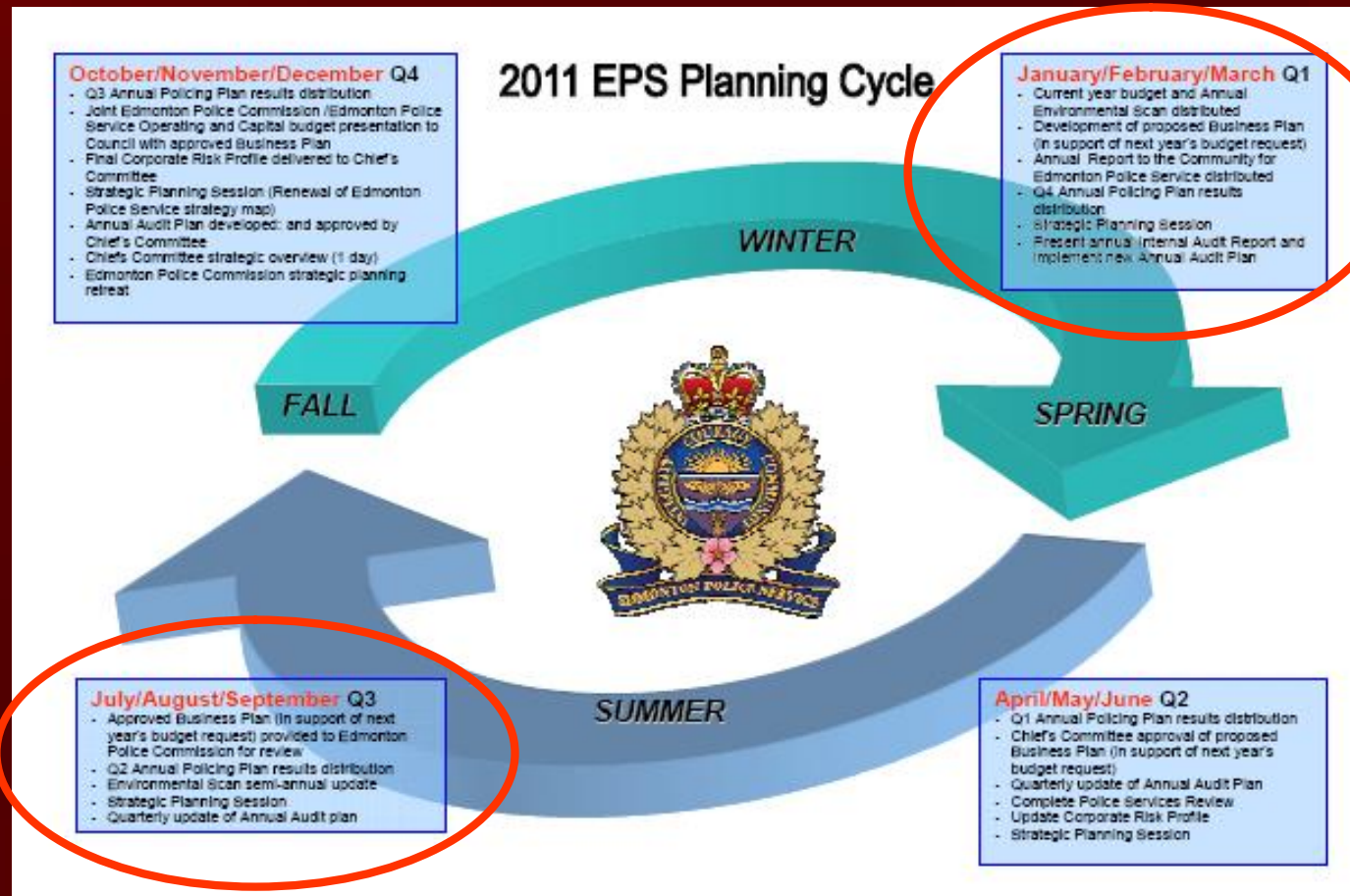
Fall 2011 Update

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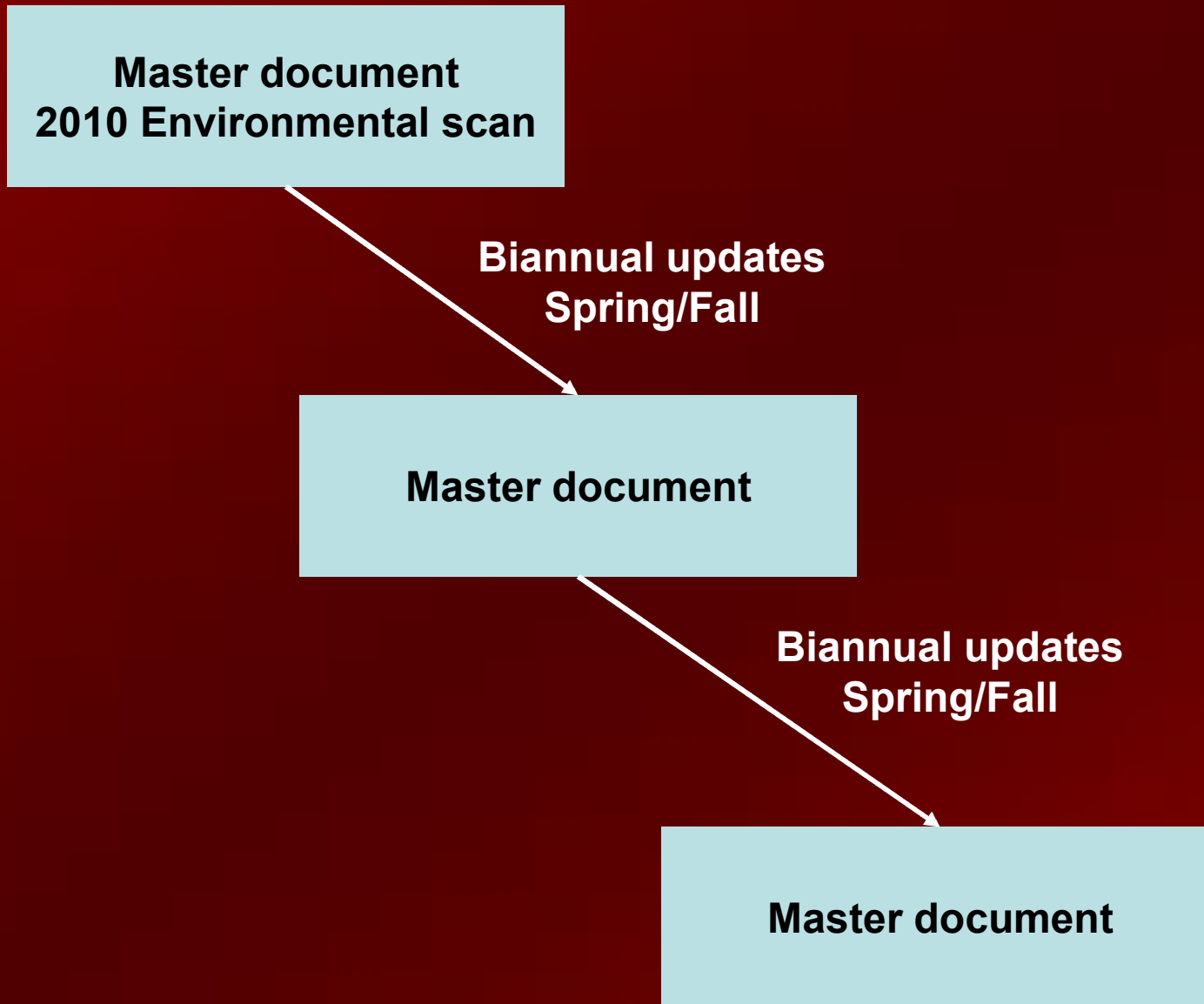
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- **Questions/Input**

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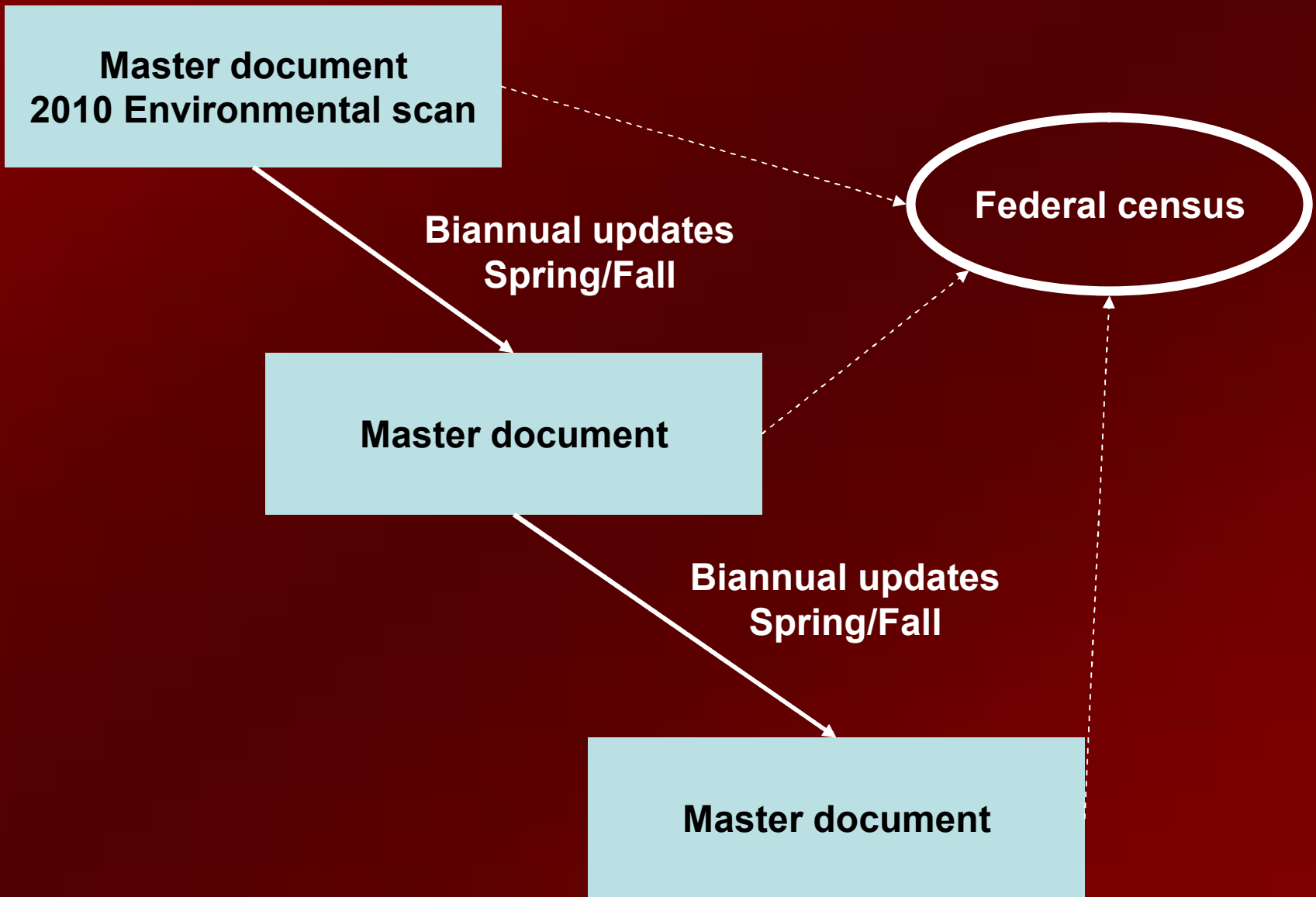
## OSM Initiative: Analysis of EPS Operating Environment



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# **Safe Streets and Communities Act (Bill C-10)**

- **Protecting Children from Sexual Predators Act**
- **Penalties for Organized Drug Crime Act**
- **Sébastien's Law (Protecting the Public from Violent Young Offenders)**
- **Ending House Arrest for Property and Other Serious Crimes by Serious and Violent Offenders Act**

# **Safe Streets and Communities Act (Bill C-10)**

- ❑ **Increasing Offender Accountability Act**
- ❑ **Eliminating Pardons for Serious Crimes Act**
- ❑ **Keeping Canadians Safe (International Transfer of Offenders) Act**
- ❑ **Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act**
- ❑ **Preventing the Trafficking, Abuse and Exploitation of Vulnerable Immigrants Act**

# **New provincial cabinet**

- ❑ **Ministry of Human Services - Children and Youth Employment and Immigration (except for immigration), Homelessness, and Alberta Supports**
- ❑ **Ministry of Intergovernmental, International and Aboriginal Relations – Immigration portfolio**
- ❑ **Municipal Affairs consolidated with Housing and Urban Affairs**
- ❑ **Operations Committee**



# Federal government changes

- ❑ **Ending the Long-Gun Registry Act**
- ❑ **Fair Representation Act – Alberta: six additional seats House of Commons seats**
- ❑ **New RCMP Commissioner**

# Homicide in Canada

- ❑ Homicide rate lowest since 1966
- ❑ Homicide rates generally higher in western Canada
- ❑ 17% gang-related
- ❑ Winnipeg, Vancouver, Montréal, Toronto, Edmonton – highest rates of gang-related homicide
- ❑ 13% of accused – mental health issues

# **Alberta's Addiction and Mental Health Strategy**

- Improving access to primary health care**
- Access to a full continuum of mental health services**
- Appropriate addiction and mental health services and supports**
- Alberta Addiction and Mental Health 2011-2016 Action Plan**

# Alberta Emergency Alert

- **For users such as municipalities, police etc to enhance public safety**
- **Digital signal through radio and television, and a website with alerts distributed through social media**
- **Public education campaign**

# Edmonton city trends

- **Risks – depreciation of the US dollar; sovereign debt issues**
- **Sustainable workforce for Edmonton – Temporary workers/students, mature worker, Aboriginal workforce**

# Edmonton city trends

- ❑ **Engaging the Mature Worker: An Action Plan for Alberta**
- ❑ **Ageing in Place Community Demonstration Projects**
- ❑ **“Connecting the Dots,” Aboriginal and workforce development strategies for Alberta**
- ❑ **Transit oriented development**

**Questions/Input**