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Abma Pit Reclamation Plan

WHERE IS THE SITE?

The Abma gravel pit located near the intersection of Twp Road 410 and RR 275

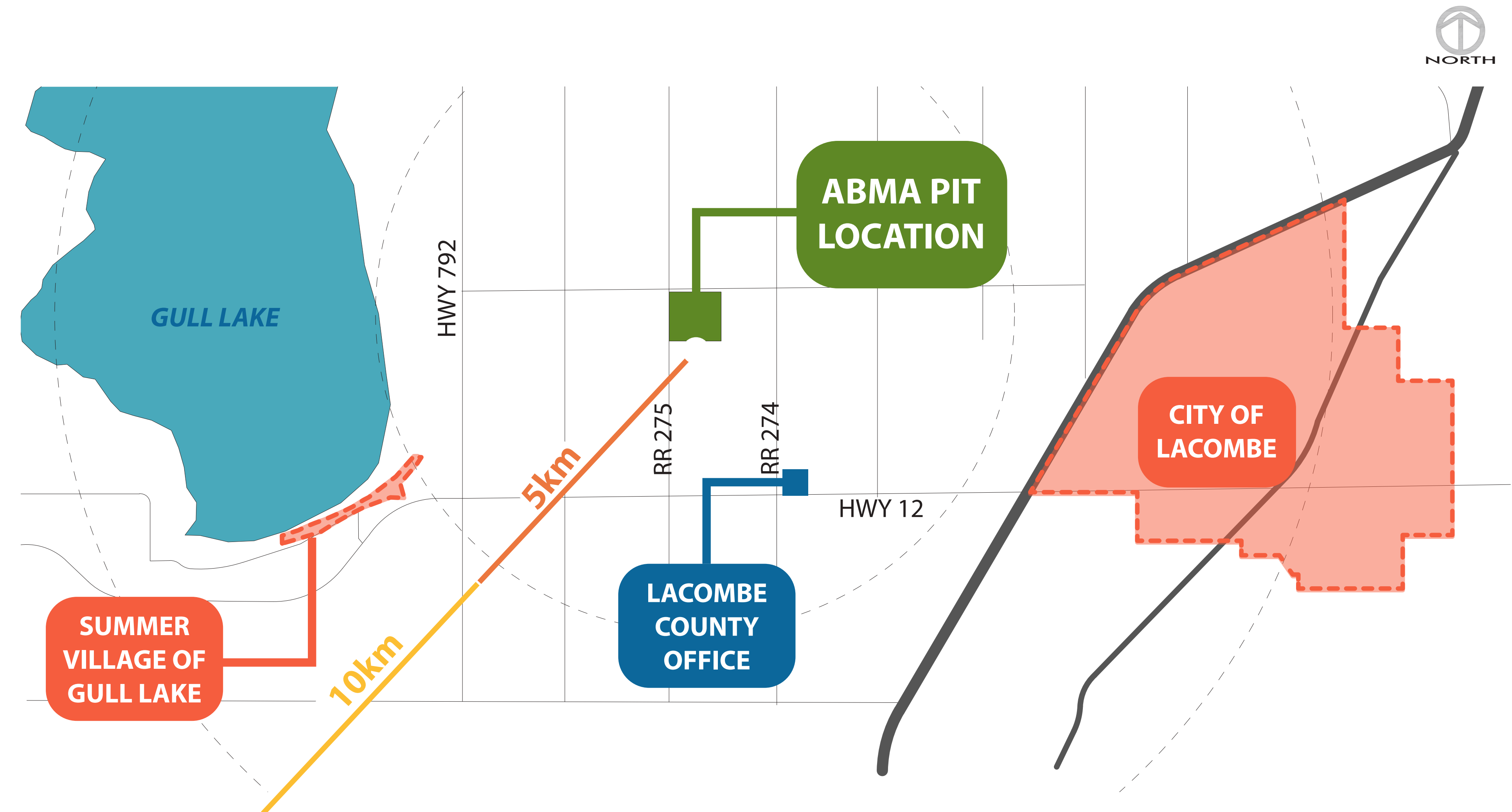
WHY THIS SITE?

The Abma family donated the property to Lacombe County in 2012. One of the Abma's conditions of the donation agreement was that the land would be used for recreational purposes for the benefit of the general public once gravel extraction activities were completed.

With aggregate extraction nearing completion, Lacombe County has hired a professional planning and design consultant to create a vision for reclaiming the site and transforming it into a new public recreational area for the community and we want YOUR input.

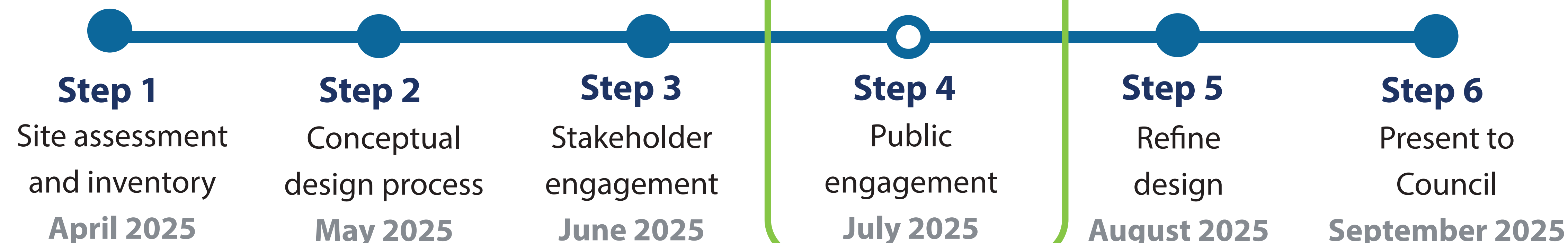
WHAT IS THE PROJECT TIME LINE?

The timeline below identifies the process of completing public and stakeholder engagement, concept designs and council endorsement.



HAVE YOUR SAY!!

Please fill out a survey by scanning the QR code



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ABMA PIT **EXISTING CONDITIONS**

The Abma Pit has been an active gravel extraction site for several years. Some areas have already been reclaimed with naturalized grasses, and an attempt to grow trees on the site. With a significant amount of gravel material removed and hauled away, the final reclaimed site will have low depressions that will likely have open water areas due to the groundwater elevation. Ponds can be used for a variety of activities. The project limits are shown to the right, and two images of the existing site below.



OPTION 1 - PASSIVE RECREATION

Passive outdoor recreation focuses on enjoyment and observation without requiring strenuous activity, such as birdwatching, picnicking, or simply enjoying the scenery.

\$ SITE AMENITIES

- Site parking and access
- Fish/ice fishing pond with boardwalk accessible fishing platforms
- Wetland area (winter pond skating)
- Forest reclamation area
- Native grass lands area
- Elevated area winter time toboggan hill
- Elevated bird watching tower
- Single day use area (picnic tables and cook stoves)
- Bench seating
- Educational interpretive signage
- Waste Receptacles
- Boardwalk water crossings
- 2.0 Km - 1m wide nature trail (natural surface and interpretive signage)
- 4.0 km - 2m wide trail
(grass surface will accommodate set double ski track in winter)



ABMA PIT Conceptual Design

Proposed **OPTION 2**

OPTION 2 - PASSIVE/ACTIVE RECREATION

Passive/active outdoor recreation involves a combination of physical movement and exertion, like hiking, biking, or swimming. In option 2 25% of the site is designated active recreation and 75% is designated for passive activities.

\$\$ SITE AMENITIES

- Site parking and access
- On site road access through site and parking area
- Swim lake with sand beach area with washroom and change building
- Fish/ice fishing pond with boardwalk fishing platforms
- Wetland area (winter pond skating)
- Forest reclamation area
- Native grass lands
- Elevated area winter time toboggan hill
- Elevated bird watching tower
- Single and group bookable day use picnic shelters (benches, picnic tables, shelters, cook stoves and fire wood storage)
- Boardwalk water crossings
- 5.0 km - 2m wide trail (grass surface will accommodate set double ski track in winter)



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Proposed **OPTION 3**

OPTION 3 - ORGANIZED/ACTIVE RECREATION

Organized/active outdoor recreation involves designating 40% of the site to sport fields and overnight camping. This will leave 60% of the site designated to passive/active recreation activities.

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ABMA PIT General Activites

PLACE A GREEN DOT BESIDE YOUR TOP FIVE IMAGES THAT YOU FEEL BEST SUIT THIS SITE.
PLACE A RED DOT BESIDE UP TO THREE IMAGES THAT YOU FEEL ARE NOT SUITED TO THIS SITE.

