

PROJECT TIMELINE

This timeline shows the main steps in the Pictou County Coastal Policy Public Engagement Project, when residents can participate and what will happen after the engagement is complete.

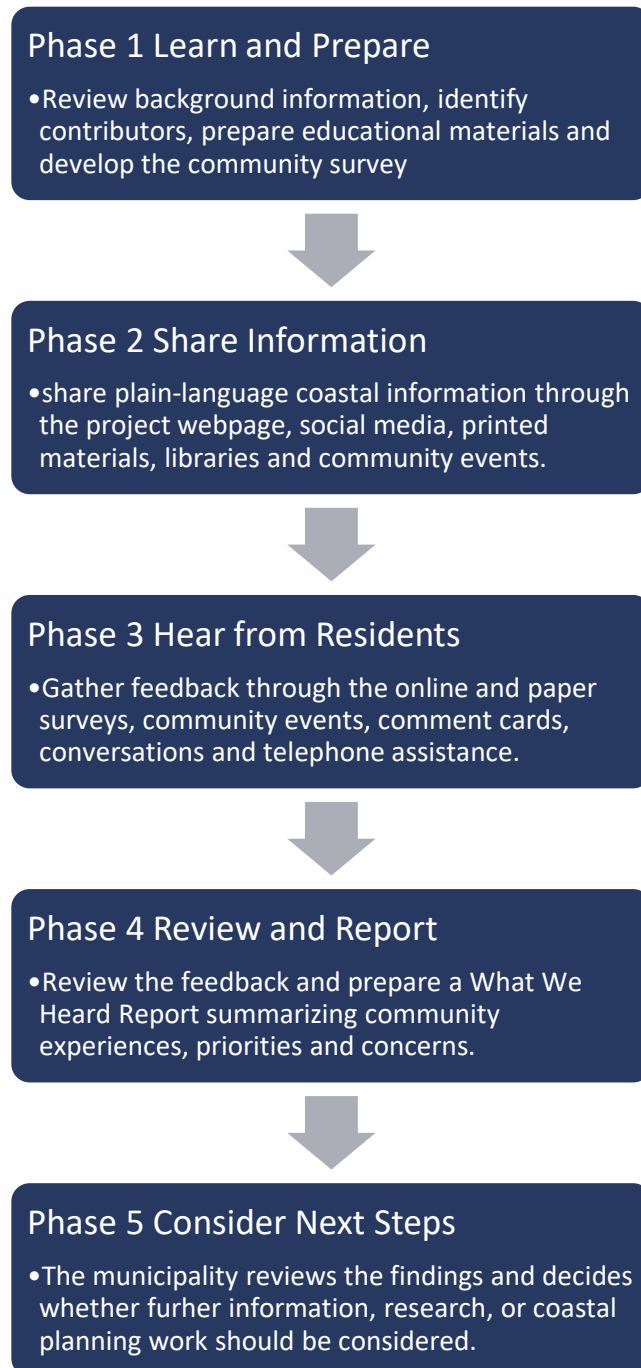


Figure 1 Five-Step Project Timeline

1. Learn and Prepare

August to September 2026 — Complete

The project team reviewed existing municipal information, coastal planning practices and available climate and coastal research. The team also developed an accessible engagement and communications plan.

Completed work includes:

- reviewing available background information;
- identifying key contributors and communities;
- preparing plain-language education materials;
- developing the community survey; and
- planning accessible ways for residents to participate.

2. Share Information

October 2026

Plain-language information about coastal change and municipal planning will be shared through:

- the Municipality's website;
- social media;
- printed materials;
- libraries and municipal locations; and
- community engagement events.

These materials are intended to help residents understand the topic before providing feedback.

3. Hear From Residents

October 2026

Residents will be invited to share their experiences, concerns and priorities.

You can participate by:

- completing the online survey;
- completing a paper survey;
- attending a community engagement event;
- submitting a comment card;
- speaking with the project team; or

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- requesting telephone or accessibility assistance.

Community engagement opportunities:

- **October 15, 1-2 p.m.** - Little Harbour Community Centre
- **October 15, 6-7 p.m.** - Merigomish SchoolHouse Community Centre
- **October 20, 1-3 p.m.** - River John Library
- **October 20, 6-7 p.m.** – Caribou Fire Hall

Visit the Pictou County Coastal Policy Project webpage for confirmed times, locations and any schedule changes.

Survey period: October 12th to November 2nd, 2026

4. Review and Report

November to December 2026

The project team will review survey responses, comment cards and conversations from the engagement events.

The project team will summarize the feedback in a What We Heard Report. Individual responses will be combined into common themes, and personal information will not be included in the public summary.

5. Consider the Next Steps

After the What We Heard Report

The engagement findings will help the Municipality understand:

- what coastal places and assets residents value;
- where people have observed flooding, erosion or drainage problems;
- what concerns residents have about future coastal planning;
- which planning approaches require further consideration; and
- where more information, mapping or technical study may be needed.

The findings will help the Municipality consider possible next steps. They will **not automatically create new planning rules**. If the Municipality later decides to develop or amend coastal planning policy, that work would require further municipal review, public notice and the appropriate approval process.