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ADAPTED FOR GOVERNMENT

WHAT ARE YOU MAPPING?:

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2 POLITICAL + POLICY PRIORITIES What political commitments, government priorities, or shifts in direction shape our work? (election platforms, mandate letters, ministerial priorities cross-government commitments)	4 INTERGOVERNMENTAL & INTERDEPARTMENTAL DEPENDENCIES Who else must succeed for us to succeed? Where are the bottlenecks? Which partners create constraints and/or opportunities? (municipal/provincial/federal alignment, departments that share responsibility for policy or service delivery, agencies, commissions, Crown corporations)		6 TECHNOLOGY, DATA + INFRASTRUCTURE Which technologies or infrastructure gaps enable or limit our work? (legacy systems, procurement lags, data governance requirements, cybersecurity mandates, etc.)
	3 PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS What does the public expect from us, and how is trust evolving? (i.e. public sentiment, equity considerations, expectation of transparency, media dynamics)	5 WORKFORCE + CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS What talent, skill, and capacity realities shape what is possible? (hiring freezes, skill shortages, legacy systems, etc.)	
1 MANDATE + LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY What is our legislated role, scope, and authority and where are the boundaries?			
7 ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS What economic or environmental forces will shape demand, risk, or strategic choices?		8 STAKEHOLDERS & ECOSYSTEM ACTORS Which communities, organizations, unions, NGOs, or industry partners influence outcomes? (advocacy groups, regulated industries, non-profits, unions, service delivery partners, citizens with lived experience, etc)	
9 REGULATIONS, COMPLIANCE + ACCOUNTABILITY What obligations, oversight bodies, and compliance requirements shape our approach? (Auditor General expectations, privacy requirements, legislative reporting, risk frameworks, etc.)		10 UNCERTAINTIES + EMERGING RISKS What high-impact variables are uncertain and outside our control? (political unpredictability, funding changes, legal challenges, crises in health, climate, economic, etc.)	