

Service to Business Priorities

PSSDC S2B Working Group

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Action Items from Previous Meeting

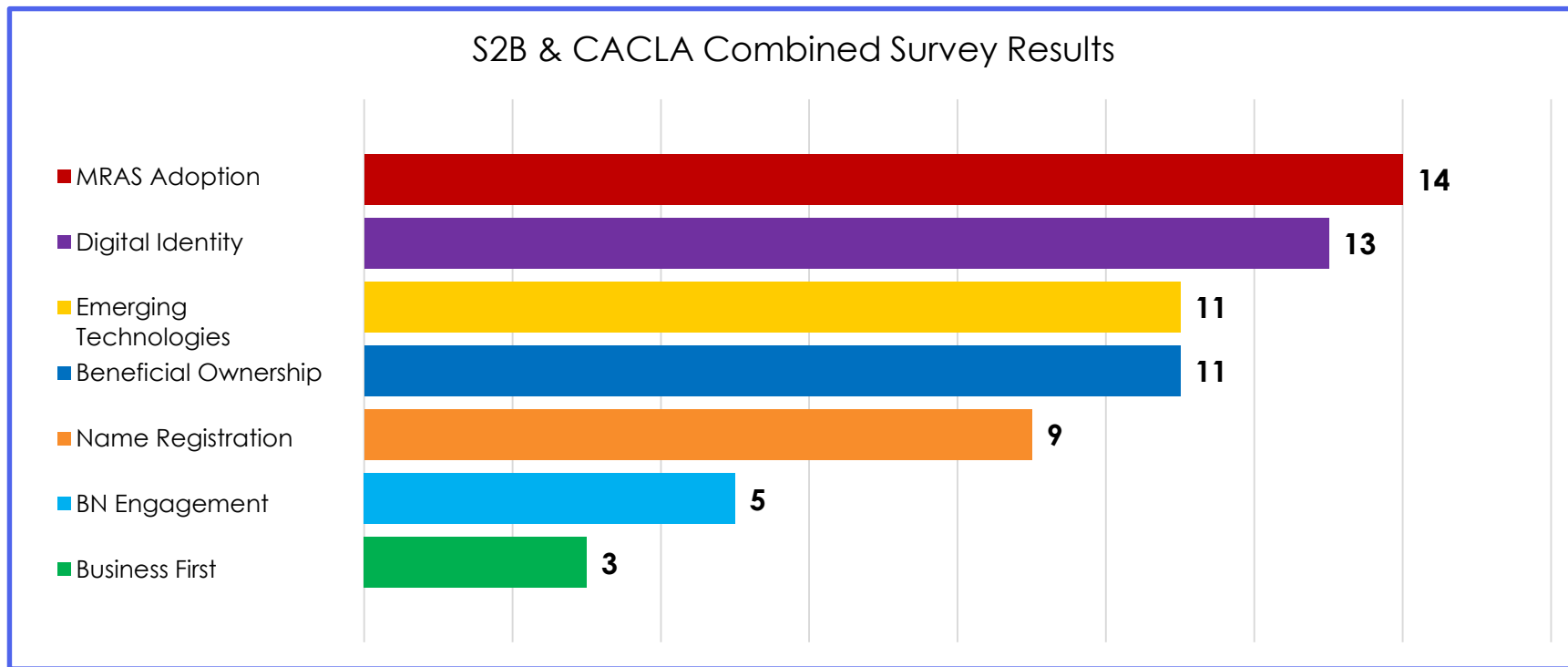
- Outline S2B priorities for 2020/21

Context

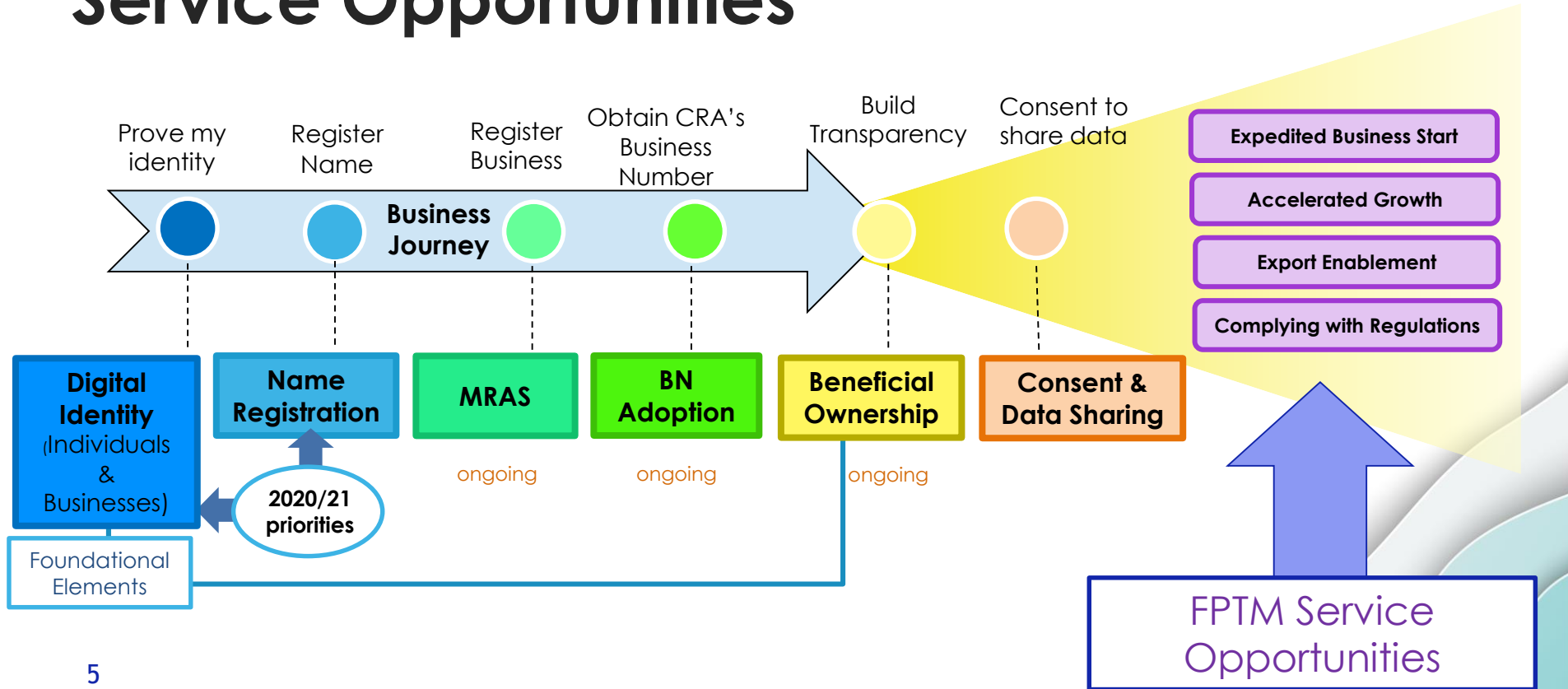
- Service to Business (S2B) working group has identified foundational challenges, that are impeding the improvement of services to business, including lack of a trusted **digital identity for business** and **related challenges with information sharing**
- S2B co-chairs have consulted with key stakeholders on priorities to address foundational challenges, including;
 - Members of the S2B Working Group
 - Canadian Association of Corporate Law Administrators (CACLA)*
- S2B has also consulted with the Digital Identity Working Group (under Joint Councils) to align with the work that is happening on digital identity for individuals

* CACLA is comprised of representatives of 14 jurisdictions responsible for legislation governing matters of corporate law in Canada – (10 provinces / 3 Territories / 1 Federal government)

Consultations on Priorities



Building a Foundation for Improved FPTM Service Opportunities



2020/21 S2B Priorities

Digital ID For Business: Trusted Digital ID to access government services

- **Opportunity:** Make it easier for businesses to use trusted digital IDs to obtain government services and benefit from bundled FPTM services
- **Proposed Initiative (Next 12 - 24 months):**
 - Develop the Digital ID for business components of the PCTF
 - Identify the business requirements for trusted digital credentials, that can be held in digital wallets and can be used by businesses.
 - Work with Identity Management Sub-Committee (IMSC) and the Digital Identity Working Group to coordinate work alongside the Pan-Canadian Trust Framework (PCTF).

Name Registration: Limited mechanisms to register a unique business name (across Canada)

- **Opportunity:** Develop a more consistent names examination process
- **Proposed Initiative (Next 6 months):** Work across jurisdictions to develop a more consistent approach to names examination making it easier for businesses to register a unique name in Canada

Ongoing Activities

- **MRAS (Multi-jurisdictional Registry Access Service)** is being expanded to connect Canada's business registries.
 - There are three aspects of MRAS: search, extra-provincial registration and notification.
 - In June 2020, registration/notification will include 5 jurisdictions: AB, BC, Corporations Canada, MB and SK. QC expects to join the registration/notification components by the end of the year.
 - The search component of MRAS currently includes BC, AB, Corporations Canada, MB, ON and QC. Saskatchewan will join the search component in June 2020.
 - A working group is in the process of implementing further expansion of the MRAS
- S2B has published the **BN Playbook** to support jurisdictions in adopting the BN
 - To date, 8 provinces have adopted the BN (AB, BC, SK, MB, ON, NB, NS, & PEI)
 - Opportunity for greater adoption across individual services
- **Beneficial Ownership**
 - F/P/T work ongoing to build greater transparency, by requiring the disclosure of the natural person that owns, directs or profits from corporate structures.
 - The Federal Government, Quebec and British Columbia have each released White Papers. Opportunity for improved coordination.
 - Digital Identity is critical

Discussion & Questions

- Your input and suggestions are welcome on the proposed priorities and initiatives
 - Following approval, we will be requesting funds to proceed with the priorities.
- We are looking to reinvigorate the S2B Working Group – suggestions?

Thank You

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Background – Previous S2B Priorities

BN Playbook

- The purpose of the playbook is to provide information to jurisdictions to help them either initiate or accelerate BN adoption.
- Promotion of the playbook supports incremental adoption of the BN that will reduce red tape for business start-ups as well as existing businesses.
- The Playbook was released to assist BN adopters in 2019.

Expedited Business Services (EBS)

- The purpose of the EBS project was to support entrepreneurs to start and grow businesses easier and faster with a “Tell Us Once” information model.
- In February 2018, PSSDC agreed that the EBS vision, as articulated in the 2017 Pan-Canadian EBS Solution Call to Action, is not viable at this time due to lack of trusted digital identity and information sharing barriers.