

2019 Evaluation & Audit Recommendations : status as of March 31, 2025

Recommendation	Status
#1: Clarify the scope and intended outcomes of Strategic Objective #3: Maintaining or improving opportunities for sustainable use.	Complete: Strategic objectives updated: see Our Story at fwcp.ca or our governance manual for details.
#2: Undertake a detailed review of the Columbia Region annual and ongoing programs.	Complete & Ongoing: A detailed technical review of the Arrow and Kootenay Lakes Nutrient Restoration Program, which accounts for 50% of the annual and ongoing program funding, was completed in 2022. The review confirmed that the program is successful, the delivery is suitable, and the program should be continued. Since F20, the Columbia Region technical committees have annually reviewed detailed annual and ongoing project work plans, budgets, and reports using evaluation criteria similar to the annual grant application review process.
#3: Increase program funding levels.	Nearing completion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual detailed review of the Columbia Region's annual and ongoing program implemented in F20. FWCP logic model and performance management strategy underway and scheduled for completion in F25. Peace business case drafted and approved by the board. Columbia Region business case is under development. Success in leveraging funding from provincial/federal programs. For every \$1 of FWCP funds provided for projects, the amount of leveraged funding increased from \$0.76 in F17-20 to \$2.16 in F21-F25.
#4: Continue to reduce the total number of actions in action plans and ensure connection between actions and program objectives.	In progress: In the most recent updates to action plans, the Peace Region board reduced the number of actions from 94 to 65, and the Columbia Region board from 212 to 161. The Coastal Region action plans will be part of a program-wide update to all regional action plans starting in 2025.
#5: Explore the potential for increased use of directed studies.	Complete: All action plans now have directed actions identified. Additional directed projects will be approved based on the FWCP team's available capacity. The updated governance manual now provides an opportunity for external technical advisory support, which could increase FWCP's capacity to initiate directed projects.
#6: Explore options for the Columbia Region to increase the involvement of First Nations in the operation and delivery of the program.	Complete & Ongoing: Following an ad hoc planning group recommendation to increase First Nations involvement developed in F20-F21, the Columbia Region Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Created new First Nations-led project and capacity funding streams in F22. Increased First Nations representation on the Board with an additional six seats (increased from three) in F23. Established a new Columbia Region First Nations Working Group in F23. Implemented a new notice of intent process in F23 to strengthen First Nations involvement in grant projects.
#7: Develop a program logic model and performance measurement strategy.	Nearing completion: Goss Gilroy Inc. contracted to develop a program logic model and performance measurement strategy in F25. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final draft program logic model and performance measurement strategy were shared with Regional Boards at the 2025 Annual General Meetings. Program logic model finalized.
#8: Review specific sections of the governance manual to ensure it is up to date and reflects current practices and priorities.	Complete: Governance manual updates completed in 2024.
#9: Seek further direction from the B.C. Government and BC Hydro regarding the nature of FWCP's obligations under UNDRIP.	Complete: Updated governance manual acknowledges that FWCP can determine its own unique approach to advancing reconciliation as appropriate, given the FWCP's strategic framework. FWCP's obligations under UNDRIP were discussed at the 2023 tri-region board meeting, with an action for the steering committee to determine a path forward. Learn more about our evaluation and financial audit .