

Moving from Words to Actions (June 2011)

Rec #	Recommendation	Implementer(s)	Implementation Target	Latest Status Update (Year provided)	2018 Status	Comments from Latest Update (Please include any new comments in track changes)
1	The GOA and each WFL partnership, where appropriate, commit resources where available to build and/or update their own websites regularly (at least twice per year), posting appropriate materials such as data and reports as soon as they are available.	GoA	Ongoing twice a year	Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	GoA: AEP maintains and updates the WFL website Providing regular updates and information as it becomes available.
		AWC		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	AWC: A staff person is responsible for regularly updating the AWC website.
		WPACs		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	WPACs: Individual WPAC websites are being updated on a regular basis. The www.AlbertaWPACs.ca website is now active and serves as a centralized source of information and links to Alberta’s eleven WPACs.
		ASN		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	ASN Program: The Land Stewardship Centre posts information and resources on ASN web pages are that are updated as needed to reflect new information and resources.
2	The GOA coordinate with the partnerships to produce a biennial WFL implementation progress report in an appropriate format, and that these reports include, to the extent possible, all major contributions by governments, partnerships and sectors to the achievement of WFL. The GOA and its partners are also encouraged to report more frequently on their progress using a variety of means including web updates, verbal updates to the Alberta Water Council, etc.	GoA	Biennially	Implemented (2016)	Implemented – alternative approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2012, the GOA released its WFL Progress Report (2008-2011) as a summation of actions and initiatives undertaken by the GOA as per the WFL Action Plan. • GOA uses the WFL website to provide regular updates and current information on GOA activities in support of WFL, rather than producing periodic progress reports. • The “Partnerships” page on the WFL website links to partners webpages, which highlight their contributions toward the achievement of WFL outcomes, which gives an overall summary of the partners progress similar to what a report would achieve. • The GOA regularly provides a “GOA Update” as a standing agenda item at AWC Board meetings to inform partners of current activities and priorities.
3	The GOA work with the partnerships to develop and implement a marketing strategy to promote WFL and the work of its partnerships to a broad spectrum of sectors, stakeholders and the public (i.e., promote the partnership brand). This should be commenced within six months.	GoA	Start by February 2012	Implemented (2016)	Implemented – alternative approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOA showcases the value of the WFL partnerships through our unwavering commitment with over 10 years of continuous participation. • AEP intentionally takes advantage of every opportunity to promote the WFL Strategy and the partnerships. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making formal presentations to incoming national/international delegations and outgoing missions; • Inviting WPACs to co-host 2013 Water Conversation session; • Showcasing WFL partners at annual WPAC forum, as well as advertising and attending WPAC summits; • Connecting the various WFL partnerships into the lake management planning work currently being undertaken by AEP, including the Alberta Recreational Lakes initiative; • Continually enhancing features of the WFL website so as to showcase the successes of WFL and its partnerships; • Regularly providing AWC/WPAC updates to GoA WFL Steering Committee; • Promoting success of WFL partnerships internally through internal communication avenues; <p>Awareness of WPACs as a key government partner was raised through work of the IRMS leadership team in examining more effective engagement in a multi-stakeholder context.</p>
4	The GOA and the partnerships starting in 2012 jointly discuss organization of a biennial “partnerships update and shared learnings” session.	GoA	Biennially	In progress (2016)	Implemented – alternative approach	GOA continues to investigate options for bringing together the WFL partnerships, including hosting WPAC Forums each year, and expanding the Forum agenda to incorporate matters relevant to all WFL partnerships. This allows the partners to come together for updates and shared learnings. Recent meetings with Alberta WPACs were held in November 2017 and January 2018. (Actions noted in this recommendation also contribute to Recommendation #6)

5	Each partnership, within six months of approval of this report, direct the reader to a partnership page on their own website that provides links to the other WFL partnerships websites.	GoA	December 1, 2011	Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	GoA: WFL website hosts a “Partnerships” page where WFL partnerships are described. Further information provided on partnership-specific pages with links to the websites of AWC, individual WPACs, and ASN Stewardship Directory and LSCC ASN Program (as communication hub to WSGs).
		AWC		Implemented (2016)		AWC: The AWC has a “Partnerships” page on its website with links to all WPACs and the ASN Program. http://www.awchome.ca/Partnerships/tabid/60/Default.aspx
		WPACs		Implemented (2016)		WPACs: Partnerships are discussed on most WPAC websites, although few have a distinct partnership page. Most WPACs have links to other WPACs and watershed stewardship groups. Few link to the AB Water Council.
		ASN		Implemented (2016)		ASN Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produced and currently distributing LSC “Report to Community” which lists LSC partners, including AWC and WPACs The ASN web page includes a link to the GoA Water For Life partnerships page.
6	The GOA work with the partnerships to jointly develop a formal process for periodic meetings, starting with an initial meeting with focused representation to be held annually, for the purpose of identifying shared areas of concern, opportunities for collaboration and redundancies.	GoA	Annually	Implemented (2016)	Implemented – alternative approach	AEP, on behalf of GoA, typically hosts an annual WPAC spring forum to inform and update these partnerships on matters of interest to them. AEP commits to inviting the Alberta Water Council and LSCC (as the umbrella group for WSGs) to attend.
7	The AWC work with the ASN and WSG community to develop, communicate and facilitate a formal process to solicit input from WSGs for the WFL Implementation Review process.	AWC	February 1, 2012	Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	AWC and ASN signed an MOU, supported by the WSG community for the ASN to circulate the AWC sector survey to solicit WSG input and allow the ASN to synthesize the responses into a single response – ASN acts as the survey coordinator for WSG sector
8	The AWC inform its members, other WFL partnerships and other sectors and stakeholders about their processes for bringing issues forward within six months of approval of this report.	AWC	February 1, 2012	Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	The statement of opportunity process is communicated to stakeholders via the AWC newsletter and the relevant documents are posted on the AWC website.
9	Any sector receiving recommendations from the AWC, WPACs and any other source, provide an annual update to its WFL partnerships indicating what policy recommendations it has received in the past and what action has been taken.	GoA		In progress (2016)	Pending – to be completed	GoA provides annual updates to the AWC’s recommendation tracking process. As a commitment to ensure transparency in reporting on recommendations to WFL partners, AEP is currently undergoing the process of reconfirming the approach to recommendation implementation. Currently, AEP’s Community Engagement Branch shares any new report recommendations with departments and agencies within the GoA as appropriate, for their consideration and implementation. Annually, AEP’s Community Engagement Branch will request an update from each of the implementation teams and compile the GoA’s status updates on the implementation of AWC recommendations. These updates are subsequently provided to the AWC Board for the AWC’s annual report to the Board members on the progress of implementation of the project and its recommendations.
		WPACs		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	WPACs: Alberta WPACs provide an annual update to its WFL partnerships following the WPAC summit every fall.
		AWC		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	AWC: The AWC has developed a recommendation tracking process which supports its obligations to report annually on implementation progress of its recommendations.
10	The AWC, WPACs and WSGs annually (starting in 2012) communicate GoA responses to their recommendations to a broader sector audience of affected stakeholders by posting responses on their website and generally making them available upon request with the understanding that the other partnerships will also share this information with their memberships.	WSGs		In progress (2016)	Implemented – unclear but met	WSGs (ASN Program): LSC shares information related to policy recommendations as appropriate.
		WPACs		In progress (2016)	Implemented – unclear but met	WPACs: Alberta WPACs is considering a dedicated webpage at www.AlbertaWPACs.ca to communicate GoA responses to WPAC recommendations. The BRBC posts some things via News/Updates, Newsletters and provide forums for communication and discussion with members. We make reports on hand available to those who ask (if we have approved for distribution files).

		AWC		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	AWC: Staff have developed a recommendation implementation tracking system which gives implementers the opportunity to provide updates on the implementation status of recommendations targeted at them, including GoA. Detailed reports and update reports are posted to the AWC’s webpage annually.
11	Each WPAC develops a mechanism within the next year to engage and seek input from the WSGs in their watershed.	WPACs		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	All WPACs have procedures in place for WSG participation
12	The WPACs collectively develop a process within the next 18 months to determine which issues are appropriate to take forward to the AWC for consideration.	WPACs		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	Alberta WPACs have completed a process to determine issues to be brought forward to AWC for consideration.
13	The ASN use its needs assessment process, annual workshop, or other mechanisms to provide a forum for discussion of WSG water issues, and to encourage WSGs to work with their WPAC on bringing these issues forward annually.	ASN/WSGs		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	Land Stewardship Centre, through its Alberta Stewardship Network (ASN) program, continues to enhance its suite of services to the stewardship community. ASN hosted a series of Stewards in Motion (SIM) workshops in 2014-2015 across the province to enhance collaboration and project implementation among WSGs, WPACs, local municipalities, and others interested in achieving stewardship outcomes. In 2017, LSC re-evaluated our SIM approach and took time to touch base with our partners and WSGs to get a sense of new and emerging topics to focus on over the coming years. LSC remains committed to the SIM model and are actively approaching funders to help support SIM workshops, long term.
14	The ASN continue to provide a portal for WSGs to access information on other partnership activities in Alberta and beyond, and that they continue to showcase to other partnerships and to the broader provincial and national stewardship community, the good work of Alberta’s stewardship groups and how it supports the achievement of WFL on an ongoing basis.	ASN/WSGs		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	The Land Stewardship Centre provides access to information and to showcase the work of stewards. A variety of tools are available to inform WSGs on partner activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online resources for stewards pages share information on key stewardship topics; • The ASN newsletter (5 per year) reaches ~900 individual stewards and feature important partner information, including stewardship showcases; • Active outreach initiatives including workshops, speaking engagements, and community events are used to share information; • Updated stewardship directory ensures access to whole stewardship community; • Helping to showcase stewardship activities by actively voicing the role of stewardship in partner working groups to create reports, plan events, and develop projects. • Compiling project location data in order to map the impact of its Watershed Stewardship Grant program. •SIM regional event series which provides a venue for WSGs to connect with each other as well as municipalities, WPACs and other partners involved in WFL. In 2017, LSC hosted one targeted SIM in partnership with the Beaver River Watershed Alliance to bring all stakeholders of the watershed together to collaborate and network on key issues and concerns. LSC will continue to host SIM events to support WPACs, municipalities and other partners in their collaborative watershed work.
15	The AWC work with the ASN and the WSG community to develop a process within six months of report approval to select members to represent WSGs on AWC project teams, where appropriate.	AWC		Implemented (2016)	Implemented – as written	AWC and ASN have signed an MOU, supported by the WSG community for the ASN to act as the portal to put out a call for delegates from the WSG community. AWC and ASN will develop a process for selecting representative(s) from WSG community as required.