

**Ministry of Agriculture**

Rec. #	OAG Recommendations	Action Planned	Target Date	Assessment of Progress by Entity <sup>9</sup>	Action Taken <sup>10</sup>
3.	Provide staff with a continuing education program on climate change impacts and adaptation.	<p>The Ministry of Agriculture’s climate action team are identifying forums for engaging the Ministry Leadership Team to explore ways to incorporate climate adaptation into the overall Ministry learning goals, and to support staff in continued education on climate change, including opportunities for staff to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enroll in the Climate Insights 101 course (from Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions);</li> <li>• Take the Environmental Farm Plan Program’s training on climate adaptation; and</li> <li>• Attend workshops on climate adaptation hosted by professional associations (e.g. BC Institute of Agrologists, Planning Institute, etc.).</li> </ul> <p>Staff are also exploring options for developing and delivering climate adaptation webinars for staff.</p>	Ongoing	Partially Implemented	<p>Status on employee education is being tracked at the branch level. Informal outreach and knowledge sharing on climate change adaptation is undertaken by the Ministry’s climate action team on an ongoing basis. Examples of past continued education on climate adaptation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adding a new climate change module to the Environmental Farm Plan Program’s training for planning advisors;</li> <li>• Lunch and Learn webinar series broadcast internally within the Ministry, which has included topics on agricultural drought, wildfire, and the Ministry’s Climate Adaptation Program; and</li> <li>• Attending conference/workshops on the topic of climate adaptation (e.g. GLOBE, BC Institute of Agrologists, Planning Institute of BC, Agricultural Climate Adaptation Research Network, Pacific Regional Society of Soil Science).</li> </ul>

<sup>9</sup>The Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts (PAC) will request an update (i.e Assessment of Progress and Actions Taken column completed) on a yearly basis from the audited organization until all recommendations are fully implemented or otherwise addressed to the satisfaction of the PAC.

<sup>10</sup> This action plan and their subsequent updates have not been audited by the OAG. However, at a future date that Office may undertake work to determine whether the entity has accurately represented their progress in addressing the recommendations. The results of that work will be reported in a separate report prepared by the OAG.

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4.	Work with local government and other stakeholders to assess the effectiveness of existing tools and resources for local governments and agricultural producers, and take action on their findings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the assessment process underway, involving local governments and agricultural organizations, of Regional Adaptation Strategies supported by the Ministry's Climate Adaptation Program (2013-2018).</li> <li>Update and refine climate adaptation tools and resources on an ongoing basis as part of the project management and evaluation cycle.</li> <li>For new Regional Adaptation Strategies supported under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (2018-2023), conduct a similar process to review and assess effectiveness of tools and resources supported under the Program.</li> </ul>	<p>July 2018</p> <p>2018-2023</p> <p>2022/23</p>	Substantially implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Agriculture's <i>Growing Forward 2</i>- funded Climate Adaptation Program (2013-2018) is currently assessing the progress of Regional Adaptation Strategies in consultation with stakeholders, including local governments, agricultural associations, and producers.</li> <li>Tools and resources created under this Program are reviewed and assessed on a project by project basis.</li> <li>When applicable, tools and resources are further refined for application in other regions and for integration into the Beneficial Management Practices Program, which provides cost-shared adoption support to farmers and ranchers.</li> </ul>
5.	Consider climate adaptation in its legislation, regulation, approvals and permitting processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify opportunities to incorporate climate change adaptation whenever legislation and regulations that relate to the Ministry of Agriculture and the agriculture sector are being drafted or opened for review.</li> <li>This work is ongoing and will be further informed by the provincial climate risk assessment currently underway.</li> </ul>	On-going	Partially implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Agriculture has undertaken an initial review, and identified that specific legislation and regulations may have implications for climate change adaptation.</li> </ul>

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Note: In addition to leading on the implementation of the recommendations outlined above, the Ministry of Agriculture looks forward to engaging fully on a cross-ministry basis to implement recommendations 1,2, 7-10, and 12-16. The Ministry's *Growing Forward 2* Climate Adaptation Program has already advanced climate adaptation in the agricultural sector with strategies addressing the climate-driven risks of flooding, drought, and wildfire.

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