

Chapter 44

Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan – Regulating Saskatchewan Credit Unions

1.0 MAIN POINTS

Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA) has implemented the recommendation we made in our 2011 audit about the Registrar of Credit Union's (Registrar) processes to regulate credit unions. The Ministry of Justice and FCAA have formally assigned roles and responsibilities to supervise regulation of credit unions.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

The Credit Union Act, 1998 (Act) provides an overall framework for the incorporation and regulation of credit unions in Saskatchewan. As allowed under the Act, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General appointed an individual as the Registrar. The Registrar is also an employee of the FCAA (formerly Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission).

In 2011, we assessed the Registrar's processes to regulate credit unions. Our *2011 Report - Volume 1*, Chapter 8 concluded that the Registrar had adequate processes to supervise the regulation of credit unions. We made one recommendation.

This chapter describes our follow-up of management's actions on the recommendation we made in 2011.

To conduct this review, we followed the standards for assurance engagements published in the *CPA Canada Handbook - Assurance*. To evaluate FCAA's progress towards meeting our recommendations, we used the relevant criteria from the original audit. FCAA's management agreed with the criteria in the original audit.

3.0 STATUS OF RECOMMENDATION

This section sets out the recommendation and FCAA's actions up to July 22, 2013. We found that FCAA has implemented the recommendation.

3.1 Clarifying Roles and Responsibilities

We recommended that the Ministry of Justice (formerly Ministry of Justice and Attorney General) and the Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (formerly Saskatchewan Financial Services Commission) formally assign roles and responsibilities to supervise regulation of credit unions. (2011 Report – Volume 1; Public Accounts Committee agreement October 4, 2012)

Status – Implemented



Under the Act, the Registrar is responsible for credit union regulatory policy development, administration, enforcement, and protection of consumers and the public interest.

Effective February 1, 2012, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General appointed the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of FCAA as the Registrar, and the Director of the Consumer Credit Division of FCAA as Deputy Registrar.

This structure will help ensure FCAA can undertake the activities necessary to discharge its duties for supervising credit unions.