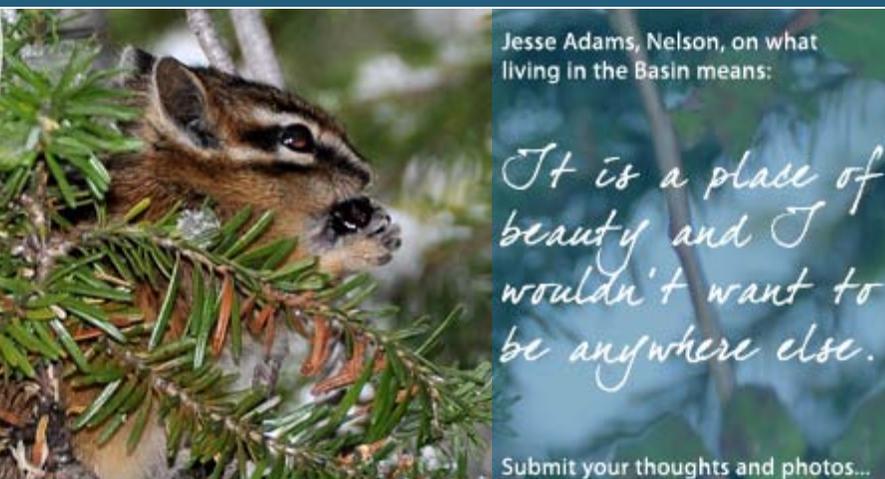


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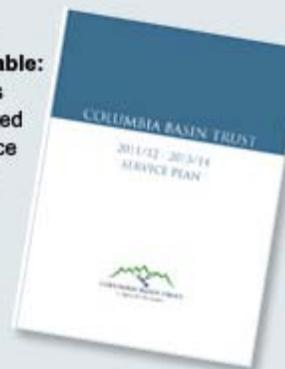
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## Basin Residents Encouraged to Continue "Shaping Our Future Together"

Tuesday, March 01, 2011

*CBT follows up on 2010 Columbia Basin Symposium.*

In order to continue the momentum fostered by participants at the 2010 Columbia Basin Symposium, Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) is inviting Basin residents - those who attended the event and those who didn't - to review the summary reports and videos of the Symposium sessions, now available at [www.cbt.org/2010symposium](http://www.cbt.org/2010symposium).

Hosted by CBT, the Symposium was themed **Shaping Our Future Together: Take Action, Build Partnerships, Strengthen Communities**, and took place October 22-24, 2010, in Revelstoke.

The Symposium sought to engage residents to collectively look toward the future of the Basin, while also discussing and addressing some of today's key issues. The theme encouraged participants to examine the effects of the decisions we make today on the future of the Basin, and to consider how many of the challenges the Basin faces will require working together to achieve common goals.

"Nearly 300 people registered for the Symposium, with representation from almost every municipality and rural area within the Basin and from a diversity of affiliations," said Garry Merkel, CBT Chair, Board of Directors. "This high level of attendance shows the commitment Basin residents have to working together to shape our future in the Basin."

The Symposium featured keynote speaker David Beurle, the Founder and Managing Director of **Innovative Leadership**. Beurle facilitated an innovative two-part scenario planning process that involved participants working together to craft and discuss possible future scenarios for the Basin. The Symposium also included sessions covering topics like economic development, alternate energy, community engagement and building resilient organizations, supported by expert speakers from both within the Basin and without.

"As CBT looks to the future and the roles it can play to support community development, we anticipate being part of discussions in the Basin about how to foster regional collaboration and partnership between communities," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "To maintain momentum on the conversations that were started in Revelstoke, CBT is currently supporting research on models of collaboration that have been advanced elsewhere and have led to developing a comprehensive vision and strategy for a rural geographic region. We hope residents will continue to share their views and stay connected with this and other CBT initiatives."

More information about the Symposium - including videos, reports, photos and speaker presentations - is available at [www.cbt.org/2010symposium](http://www.cbt.org/2010symposium).



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David Beurle and Juliet Fox of Innovative Leadership engage attendees in future scenario planning for the Basin region during the 2010 Columbia Basin Symposium.

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## New Community Centre for Elkford

Thursday, March 10, 2011

*\$300,000 CBT contribution helps further Elkford's sustainability initiatives*

The District of Elkford will be home to a new community centre, the construction of which will be funded in part by a \$300,000 grant from CBT. The new building will be located on the previous site of Elkford Elementary School.

"This multi-use facility will be a community landmark that will benefit current and future generations," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "CBT is proud to be a part of this project that is furthering Elkford's community sustainability initiative and we commend the community for their vision and commitment to this project."

Currently, Elkford has limited facilities to host community and social events. The new centre will offer improved amenities for all members of the community, with a 4,300 sq ft auditorium that will seat 300 people, a commercial kitchen, a 780 sq ft multipurpose community room that can be divided, a lobby and reception gallery, a community playschool with an enclosed playground, a Visitor Information Centre and the Chamber of Commerce. It will also eventually house a museum that will highlight the rich and diverse history of Elkford.

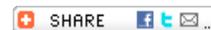
"The new Community Centre is an exciting project that will help with Elkford's growth and development. The project has been a vision of Council for seven years and it is rewarding and exciting to be in the final stages," said Dean McKerracher, Mayor of the District of Elkford. "We are pleased that Columbia Basin Trust has come on board to assist us on the early stages of construction. Funding will assist in the Tourism Information Centre part of the project, as well as the historical display cases that will showcase Elkford's rich mining history."

The concept plans can be viewed at the District office or on the District's website at [www.elkford.ca](http://www.elkford.ca).



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The District of Elkford will begin construction on its new community centre in the spring, thanks in part to CBT's \$300,000 contribution. Dean McKerracher, Mayor of the District of Elkford, Curtis Helgesen, Director of Financial Services for the District of Elkford, and Carrie Shafer, CBT Community Liaison, review the architectural drawings for the new centre.



## Impressive Number of Basin Non-profits to Receive Assistance

Thursday, February 24, 2011

*Seven local non-profits to benefit from Enterprising Non-Profits support*

Seven non-profit organizations located in the Columbia Basin will be receiving assistance from **Enterprising Non-Profits** (enp) for social enterprise projects. The funding for these seven projects comes to just over 25 per cent of all funding enp is currently distributing in British Columbia.

Enp is a partnership of funders—including CBT—that promotes and supports social enterprise development and growth as a means to build strong non-profit organizations and healthier communities. Through CBT's partnership with enp, Basin non-profit organizations are able to access technical support in building business ventures that help them further their objectives and be more financially sustainable.

"This is the highest number of Basin non-profits to receive assistance since CBT has partnered on this program," said Aimee Ambrosone, CBT Manager, Planning and Development. "We are excited that so many non-profits will get assistance in assessing the feasibility of their projects or helping their social enterprises tackle the next step in their development. The number of projects funded, and overall quality of projects, is a good indication that we are meeting a community need."

David LePage, Program Manager of enp, explained that "it was CBT's contribution to the enp program that was the single reason we were able to expand and target our grants and services to the area, and now local communities are beginning to realize the positive impact."

The seven non-profit organizations receiving grants are:

- Burton Community Co-op;
- Community Connections Society of Southeast BC;
- Nelson CARES Society;
- South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society;
- Village Arts Society (Invermere);
- West Kootenay Women's Association; and
- St. Mary's Band Administration.

The next application deadline for enp is May 26, 2011. Non-profits wishing to apply must attend a one-day workshop. Registration is now open for the spring workshops, which will take place in Trail (April 12), Cranbrook (April 14) and Revelstoke (April 20).

Enp is a partnership of nine funders: CBT, the Vancouver Foundation, the Coast Capital Credit Union, the Vancity Credit Union, the Vancity Community Foundation, Southern Interior Trust, Northern Interior Development Trust, the Province of BC and an anonymous donor. Find out more about enp and its granting program and workshops at [www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca](http://www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca).



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The Nelson CARES Society will use the funds from its Enterprising Non-Profits grant to develop a marketing strategy for its Earth Matters ECO Store.

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## The Columbia Basin Watershed Network Hosts Regional Water Forum

Thursday, March 10, 2011

The Columbia Basin Watershed Network (CBWN) is pleased to offer Water Ways: A CBWN Forum on Water Governance. The forum is being held in Nelson on April 14 and 15, 2011, and will appeal to a broad audience such as interested residents, local watershed groups and local and provincial government representatives.

According to CBWN Coordinator Karen Nickurak, "The first day of the forum introduces the basics of water governance and highlights some water governance successes in the Columbia Basin and elsewhere. On the second day, the forum will concentrate on breaking down water governance into smaller parts in an effort to build a toolkit for water stewardship groups and stakeholders in water decision making."

Collaborating on watershed sustainability has been identified as being important to Basin residents. CBWN Director Lee-Anne Walker, from the Elk River Alliance, said, "Our approach to water governance and this forum is one of collaboration. We encourage working together and recognize the benefits of building relationships and partnerships."

Through the discussion generated at the CBWN forum, organizers will be developing a paper that outlines the linkages between the CBWN and BC's new Water Sustainability Act.

"This water governance forum is consistent with CBT's role of supporting Basin residents to increase their awareness and understanding of water issues and the decision-making processes that influence these issues," said Heather Mitchell, CBT Water Initiatives Program Manager.

For more information on the water forum, visit [www.cbwn.ca](http://www.cbwn.ca) or email [cbwatersheds@gmail.com](mailto:cbwatersheds@gmail.com).

The CBWN is one of several water stewardship projects funded and delivered by CBT. In addition to water stewardship, CBT delivers work related to water quality, quantity, governance and transboundary water. Find out more at [www.cbt.org/water](http://www.cbt.org/water).



## Mir Centre for Peace Lecture Series Receives CBT Contribution

Friday, March 04, 2011

*CBT supports the series' Endowment Fund with \$25,000*

To help support the **Mir Centre for Peace Lecture Series** for years to come, CBT has contributed \$25,000 to its Endowment Fund. The endowment investment will help offset the costs incurred to bring diverse and inspiring local and international speakers to the region.

"Through the Mir Lecture Series we are supporting a program that is enriching communities by providing access to world leaders and visionaries, and offering residents the opportunity to engage in global issues," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "CBT is really proud to support these efforts through ensuring the series' long-term sustainability."

Located at Selkirk College in Castlegar, the Mir Centre for Peace hosts lectures that make a significant contribution to peace studies in Canada and the world. Past speakers include well-known scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster David Suzuki, and Dr. James Orbinski, who helped establish the Canadian chapter of Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders).

"Dialogue plays a key role in the pursuit of world peace," said Mir Centre for Peace Chair, Randy Janzen. "The Lecture Series seeks to encourage this dialogue by making passionate, visionary speakers accessible—engaging audiences, expanding perceptions and promoting the culture of peace in our communities and beyond. Columbia Basin Trust's contribution will help ensure we can continue these efforts."

Selkirk College offers over 70 degree, diploma and certificate programs at campuses and learning centres throughout the West Kootenay and Boundary regions and online. Visit [www.selkirk.ca](http://www.selkirk.ca) or call 1.888.953.1133.



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Globally recognized humanitarian practitioner and advocate, as well as one of the world's leading scholars and scientists in global health, Dr. Orbinski of Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) spoke in March 2010 as part of the Mir Centre for Peace Lecture Series. Columbia Basin Trust has contributed \$25,000 to the series' Endowment Fund, helping ensure the series will continue for years to come.



## Environmental Initiatives Program

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The Environmental Initiatives Program (EIP) focuses on providing funding for community-initiated and community-supported project applications. Part of the program intent is to encourage education and awareness for all generations about Basin ecosystems and associated human interactions.

CBT is looking to residents and groups in the Columbia Basin for innovative projects that will help strengthen Basin-wide ability to meet environmental challenges.

The EIP has provided more than \$4 million in funding over the past seven years for environmental conservation, restoration, stewardship and education projects across the Basin.

CBT staff are available to provide some degree of assistance to proponents during the project/proposal development stage of EIP applications. There may also be a limited opportunity to access specific technical assistance.

Please contact [Rick Allen](#) or [Tiffany Postma](#) or for more information call 1.800.505.8998.

### Who Can Apply:

The target audience for this program includes all residents (community groups, clubs or organizations, or individuals in partnership with one of these organizations) of CBT area. (See [Columbia Basin map](#) for the boundaries of CBT area )

Proposals from provincial, national or international organizations will be considered provided the applicant can demonstrate a significant and meaningful partnership arrangement with a Basin community and/or organization.

In general, the aim of the EIP is to meet community/public rather than private needs. Any individual or private sector proposal submitted must be sponsored by a community group or similar organization and must clearly demonstrate community support.

Only those proposals targeting EIP eligible activities within CBT area will be considered.

### How To Apply:

To access fillable forms in Portable Document Format (PDF), you will require an Adobe Reader version 8 or higher installed on your computer (PC or Mac). If you do not have the required software, it is available for free download from the Adobe website. Other PDF readers include: Foxit Reader, Xpdf, or eXPert PDF Reader.

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**Deadline For Applications:** Deadline for submissions is 3:30 p.m. PDT/4:30 p.m. MDT, Friday, March 18th, 2011.



## **Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs**

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The Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs (CIP/AAP)(CBT's oldest programs) support projects identified as priorities within individual communities.

The CIP/AAP are funding programs designed to help address the needs of Basin communities. The programs are flexible and able to accommodate individual processes and they incorporate community-based funding decisions to better meet local priorities. Program funds are allocated on a per capita funding formula and are distributed once a year to CBT's local government partners: the regional districts of East Kootenay, Central Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary, and the City of Revelstoke, Town of Golden/CSRD Area A, Village of Valemount and Ktunaxa Nation Council.

As of April 2011, the programs will be supporting communities with \$3.6 million annually, commencing a five-year funding commitment. There will also be a new \$30,000 minimum (based on combined CIP and AAP funding) per incorporated municipality, regional district area or First Nations Band.

All areas receive CIP funding, while those most affected by dam construction under the Columbia River Treaty (those around the Arrow, Kinbasket, Duncan and Koochanusa reservoirs) also receive AAP funding.

Applications for funding through these programs are made directly to the local government delivery partner in your area.

### **Who Can Apply:**

Basin residents and organizations

### **How To Apply:**

#### **City of Revelstoke**

Deadline: THIS DEADLINE HAS PASSED (February 14, 2011 at 4:30 pm Pacific)

Application: Contact City of Revelstoke

#### **Regional District of East Kootenay**

Deadline: THIS DEADLINE HAS PASSED (February 21, 2011 at 4:30 pm Mountain)

Guideline: [RDEK Guidelines](#)

Application: [RDEK Application Form](#)

#### **Regional District of Central Kootenay**

Deadline: THIS DEADLINE HAS PASSED (March 7, 2011 at 4:30 pm Pacific)

Application: [RDCK Application Form](#)

#### **Regional District of Kootenay Boundary**

Deadline: March 18, 2011 at 4:00 pm Pacific

Application: [RDKB Application Form](#)

#### **Town of Golden/CSRD Area A**

Deadline: March 21, 2011 at 4:00 pm Mountain

Guidelines: [Town of Golden Guidelines](#)

Application: [Town of Golden Application Form](#)

#### **Village of Valemount**

Deadline: April 11, 2011

For information on how to apply, contact your local government at the addresses below.

**Deadline For Applications:** Deadlines vary from one region to another, but generally applications deadlines are in February or March and decisions are finalized in April or May of each year. Check with your local government for current deadlines in your area.

### **CONTACTS:**

#### ■ **Regional District of Kootenay Boundary**

<http://www.rdkb.com/siteengine/activepage.asp?PageID=411>

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1.250.368.9148 Main

■ **Regional District of Central Kootenay**

<http://www.rdck.bc.ca/corporate/grants/cbt.html>

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Nelson, BC V1L 5R4

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■ **Town of Golden and CSRD Area A**

<http://www.town.golden.bc.ca>

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■ **Village of Valemount**

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■ **City of Revelstoke**

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