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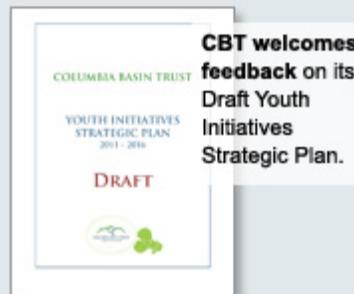
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West Kootenay to Host One of BC's Largest Multi-sport Events

Friday, April 08, 2011

CBT contributes \$20,000 toward 2011 Seniors Games

Approximately 3,500 participants from across the province will gather in the West Kootenay cities of Trail, Castlegar and Nelson on August 16 to 20, 2011, to participate in the **2011 Seniors Games**. CBT is contributing \$20,000 to the Games, which are hosted by a different BC community each year and target athletes age 55 and older.

"The three communities that have come together to host these games are to be commended on their vision and their partnership on this exciting initiative," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "We are pleased to be able to support the host communities in this province-wide event."

Encompassing over 24 sports, from track and field to bowling, dragon boat racing and cribbage the Games were founded in 1987 in order to encourage increased quality of life, health and well-being for older British Columbians and BC residents as a whole.

"We thank the people of the West Kootenay for hosting these games, and for Columbia Basin Trust's support in making this possible," said Pat Metge, 2011 BC Senior Games President. "We cordially invite all Basin residents—whether athletes, volunteers or spectators—to gather with us this August for this exciting event."

For more details about 2011 games visit <http://2011bcseniorsgames.org/>.



Outstanding Land Restoration Program Wins Award

Monday, April 04, 2011

A Basin land restoration initiative has won an award from the **Land Trust Alliance of BC**. The **Rocky Mountain Trench Ecosystem Restoration Program** won the award in the Outstanding Land Program/Campaign category for its work on the Dutch-Findlay range unit, located south of Fairmont Hot Springs in the Upper Columbia Valley.

The program's efforts in this area have resulted in the restoration of over 560 hectares of open forest and the creation of 93 wildlife trees, which CBT helped support through its **Environmental Initiatives Program**.

"We congratulate the Rocky Mountain Trench Ecosystem Restoration Program for receiving this award and on the success of its work on the Dutch-Findlay range unit," said Rick Allen, CBT Program Manager, Environment. "The program has proven it can achieve direct conservation results at a landscape level."

"These restoration projects help sustain the native plants and wildlife that are fundamental to the environmental health and resilience of the Rocky Mountain Trench," said Hillary Page, Stewardship Coordinator, Nature Conservancy of Canada, one of the program's partners. "The Nature Conservancy of Canada applauds the Columbia Basin Trust's commitment to supporting on-the-ground conservation projects in the Dutch-Findlay range and beyond."

The Rocky Mountain Trench Ecosystem Restoration Program is a long-term undertaking by a coalition of stakeholders working together to restore fire-maintained grassland and open forest ecosystems in the East Kootenay region of southeastern BC. Restoring grasslands and open forests enhances biodiversity, restores habitat for species at risk, improves grazing for cattle and wildlife, improves forest health and reduces the risk of severe wildfire. Learn more at www.trench-er.com.

CBT has provided just over \$4 million in funding over the past seven years under the Environmental Initiatives Program for environmental conservation, restoration, stewardship and education projects across the Basin. CBT also takes action on environmental issues in various other ways. To learn more about CBT's environmental priorities, visit www.cbt.org/environment.



Agreement Renews Agencies' Collaboration on International Columbia River Issues

Monday, March 21, 2011

CBT and the Council sign Memorandum of Understanding

CBT and the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (the Council) - a federally chartered compact of the northwestern states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington - have renewed their agreement to collaborate on projects that promote an understanding and appreciation of the international Columbia River Basin. Council Chair Bruce Measure and CBT Board of Directors Chair Garry Merkel signed the new agreement on Friday, March 18, 2011, at a meeting of the CBT Board of Directors in Golden.

"Our partnership with CBT helps the Council fulfill one of its legal mandates, which is to inform the Pacific Northwest public about regional fish and wildlife and power issues," Council Chair Bruce Measure said. "Although the Council has no authority in British Columbia, the Columbia River begins in British Columbia and through this partnership we can help citizens of both countries better understand the river we share."

The new agreement, like the one it replaces, commits the two agencies to collaborate on projects that inform citizens about Columbia River issues and improve knowledge about the river. In the past, these projects have included producing a comprehensive map of the Columbia Basin showing major tributaries and hydropower dams, and helping citizens understand and participate in planning processes affecting transboundary rivers, hydropower generation and fish and wildlife. The Columbia River Treaty review process, now underway in both countries, provides another opportunity to share information and inform citizens about the current and future uses of the river.

"By working together, the Council and CBT are enhancing transboundary co-operation on key issues related to the ecosystem and river management in the Columbia Basin," said Garry Merkel, CBT Chair. "The renewal of this agreement ensures the two agencies will continue to work together to keep Basin residents informed about issues effecting the Basin."

Click here to read the [Memorandum of Understanding](#).

The Council is a compact of the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington, and is directed by the Northwest Power Act of 1980 to prepare a program to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife of the Columbia River Basin affected by hydropower dams and a companion power plan, to assure the Northwest region an adequate, efficient, economical and reliable power supply. To learn more about the Council, visit www.nwccouncil.org or call 1.800.452.5161.



Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs

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.

CIP/AAP Fact Sheet

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: THIS DEADLINE HAS PASSED (March 18, 2011 at 4:00 pm Pacific)

Application: [RDKB Application Form](#)

Town of Golden/CSRD Area A

Deadline: THIS DEADLINE HAS PASSED (March 21, 2011 at 4:00 pm Mountain)

Guidelines: [Town of Golden Guidelines](#)

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

Village of Valemount

Deadline: THIS DEADLINE HAS PASSED (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>

Sharon Toupin, Accounting Clerk

#202-843 Rossland Avenue Trail, BC V1R 4S8 1.800.355.7352 Toll Free

1.250.368.9148 Main

■ **Regional District of Central Kootenay**

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

Angela Lund, Administration Clerk

Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive

Nelson, BC V1L 5R4

1.800.268.7325 Toll Free

1.250.352.8160

1.250.352.9300 Fax

■ **Town of Golden and CSRD Area A**

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

Administration Box 350

Golden, BC V0A 1H0

1.250.344.2271 Main

or

Ryan Watmough, Executive Director

Golden and District Community Foundation

1.250.344.8610

■ **Village of Valemount**

<http://www.valemount.ca>

Sandy Salt, Corporate Officer

Box 168

Valemount, BC V0E 2Z0

1.250.566.4435 Main

1.250.566.4249 Fax

■ **Ktunaxa Nation Council**

Gwen Phillips, Interim Director of Corporate Services

7468 Mission Road

Cranbrook, BC V1C 7E5

1.250.417.4022 Main

1.250.489.5760 Fax

■ **City of Revelstoke**

<http://www.cityofrevelstoke.com/edc/dev-funding-columbia-init.htm>

Debra Wozniak, Projects Coordinator

Box 170

Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0

1.250.837.5345 Main

1.250.837.4223 Fax

■ **Regional District of East Kootenay**

<http://www.rdek.bc.ca/CBT.htm>

Shannon Moskal, Community Services Manager

19-24th Avenue South

Cranbrook BC V1C 3H8

1.250.489.2791

1.250.489.3498 Fax



Enp Social Enterprise Orientation Sessions

The development of revenue-generating enterprises is challenging. Non-profit organizations need to have significant organizational capacity and an understanding of the realities and risks before embarking on an enterprise initiative. Attendance at an orientation session is **required** of prospective *enp* grant applicants to ensure that staff and board members have a thorough understanding of the issues involved in enterprise development.

We offer orientation sessions throughout BC each Spring and Fall. **See bottom of this page for dates and locations for our Spring sessions.**

Enp orientation workshops are for staff, board and volunteers of organizations that are considering launching an enterprise, are new to social enterprise, or are expanding an existing enterprise.

During the orientation session there will be a discussion of the definition of social enterprise and reasons for starting a social enterprise as well as Demonstrating Value and the social enterprise development path. There will be a review of the *enp* grant requirements and priorities, and participating organizations will be qualified to apply for *enp* funding.

For more information, please contact Kim Buksa: kim@enterprisingnonprofits.ca or 604-871-5421.

Registration

Register online by clicking on the listings below. Registration may vary by workshop location, please see the complete listing for the details of your workshop. Typically, registrations fees are:

- \$100 for one individual
- \$50 for a second participant from the same organization

The registration fee includes:

- Breakfast, lunch, and coffee/snack service
- A copy of the [Canadian Social Enterprise Guide](#)
- Workshop materials

The orientation sessions typically run from 9:00am until 3:30pm with breaks for lunch and a morning and afternoon coffee. Check our listing below for information related to your workshop.



Next Round of *Enp* Workshops - Spring 2011

Enp's next round of "Introduction to Social Enterprise" workshops takes place in the spring of 2011. Here is the schedule for locations (click on any location to go to that location's registration page):

- [Vancouver \(March 15\)](#) - This workshop is now full - please register for Burnaby instead.
- [Squamish \(March 17\)](#)

- [Victoria \(March 22\)](#)
- [Campbell River \(March 24\)](#)
- [Grand Forks \(March 28\)](#)
- [Trail \(April 12\)](#)
- [Cranbrook \(April 14\)](#)
- [Burnaby \(April 16\)](#)
- [Vernon \(April 18\)](#)
- [Revelstoke \(April 20\)](#)
- [Smithers \(April 26\)](#)
- [Vanderhoof \(April 27\)](#)
- [Williams Lake \(April 29\)](#)
- [Fort St. John \(May 3\)](#)

Below is the PowerPoint presentation used in the workshops:

[Enp Social Enterprise Workshops](#)

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[Click here](#) to see what participants have had to say about *enp* workshops in the past.

To register for a workshop online, click on your location below (or click "more" at the bottom for further dates).

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 or email 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.



Youth Community Service Award

The Columbia Basin Trust Youth Community Service Award provides up to 45 awards valued at \$2,000 each for the first year of post-secondary education or training. This award is based on volunteer service. Communities with a graduating class less than 25 will receive one award; those with up to 75 students will receive two awards; and those with more than 75 graduating students will receive three awards.

Who Can Apply:

Basin students who will graduate from a Basin high school, alternate school, or other institution, which grants Ministry of Education recognized graduation diplomas.

How To Apply:

Application forms are available for download here.

 [Youth Community Service Awards Application 2011](#)

Applications forms are also available at senior secondary schools in the areas listed below. Applications must be submitted to the public senior secondary high school where the applicant resides.

Castlegar
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Crawford Bay
Creston
Elkford
Ferne
Golden
Invermere
Kaslo
Kimberley
Nakusp
Nelson
New Denver
Revelstoke
Rossland
Salmo
South Slocan
Sparwood
Trail
Valemount

Deadline For Applications: THE APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS PASSED (April 15, 2011)

CONTACTS:

- Local senior secondary school





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Search and Rescue Teams to Receive Better Training Closer to Home

Tuesday, April 05, 2011

CBT's \$40,000 contribution helps fund construction of Elkford training centre

Search and rescue teams from Elkford and nearby communities like Sparwood and Fernie will soon benefit from a new Emergency Services Training Centre, thanks in part to a \$40,000 contribution from CBT. The \$165,000 centre—part of a larger \$545,000 project—will include a three-storey live fire training tower, with confined space and high angle rescue capacity.

"The Emergency Services Training Centre is building capacity in the search and rescue volunteers who provide an important service to residents and travellers, and CBT recognizes that," said Carrie Schafer, CBT Community Liaison. "This is an identified priority for Elkford, and we are pleased to contribute to this valuable centre."

The centre will be developed from portable sea containers to lessen the costs of initial development, and will have two areas that will allow for live fire training in a cost-effective manner.

"Training is critical to safe search and rescue, but it is currently extremely difficult to provide safe and effective live fire training as no local site exists," said Bernie Van Tighem, Director, Elkford Fire Rescue and Emergency Services, who notes that local volunteers are often shift workers who can't travel to overnight training events. "We thank Columbia Basin Trust for helping us realize this new facility, which will allow for focused and relevant training that will give team members increased skills and the community better recruitment and retention of volunteers."



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A new Emergency Services Training Centre will be built in Elkford thanks in part to support from Columbia Basin Trust. From left to right: Bernie Van Tighem, Director, Elkford Fire Rescue and Emergency Services; Carrie Schafer, CBT Community Liaison; and Dean McKerracher, Mayor of Elkford.



CBT Welcomes Gary Ockenden as Director, Community Engagement

Monday, March 28, 2011

Will assist CBT in reaching out to Basin communities and residents

CBT President and CEO, Neil Muth is pleased to announce that long-time Basin resident Gary Ockenden will be joining CBT to fill the newly created position of Director, Community Engagement.

"In this role, Gary will engage directly with communities, community organizations and community leaders in the Basin to build relationships, promote the vision and values of CBT and continue improving the effectiveness and impact of CBT's programs and initiatives across the Basin," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "He will also oversee a team of staff who help communities access funds, and serve as resources when communities are working through issues and taking action."

Ockenden's career includes more than 20 years in leadership positions in the public sector and non-governmental organizations, including the Canadian Red Cross, followed by a successful consulting career. He has lived in Nelson for the past two decades, is an active volunteer locally and internationally and has a lengthy association with CBT, both in his role as a consultant and as a founding member of its Social Advisory Committee.

"I've lived in the Basin for 20 years and have worked in or visited almost every community at one time or another," said Ockenden. "I'm honoured to live in such a special place and excited to now be working for CBT. I look forward to supporting our hard-working Community Liaison team, to meeting people across the region and to working together with residents to improve life in the Basin."



Waneta Expansion Project Socio-Economic Monitor in Place

Tuesday, April 05, 2011

The partners in the Waneta Expansion project—Fortis Inc., Columbia Power Corporation, and Columbia Basin Trust—are pleased to announce a socio-economic monitor is in place for the Waneta Expansion Project.

Cathy Scott-May, a local consultant, has been engaged as the independent socio-economic monitor; the monitor will work closely with the Community Impact Management Committee to evaluate, document and regularly report on the effects of the project on the communities of the greater Trail area and produce reports on their findings.

"The socio-economic monitoring program is an important component of this large project and ensures impacts on local communities are documented and public," says Audrey Repin, spokesperson for the Waneta Expansion Project. "The monitor will use existing statistical information as a baseline to build a monitoring framework around anticipated and unanticipated impacts."

The monitor will focus on indicators such as employment, wage income, expenditures, economic development, traffic, health and safety, housing, population, recreation and community services. Quarterly and annual reports will be produced and posted on Columbia Power Corporation's website at www.columbiapower.org. The first report will be available later in 2011.

"We are very pleased to welcome Cathy to the Waneta project. She brings extensive experience that makes her a perfect fit for this role. We look forward to learning about the impacts the project may have on our area," says Ali Grieve, Area A Director for the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary and Community Impact Management Committee member.

For more information please visit www.columbiapower.org.



CBT Welcomes Two New Communications Team Members

Thursday, April 07, 2011

Andrea Wilkey has joined the Communications department in Castlegar as Acting Director, Communications.

Andrea has over 10 years' experience working in communications in the tourism, ski and restaurant industries. Most recently, Andrea was employed by the Canadian Tourism Commission to lead an economic stimulus initiative to raise awareness of Canada as a tourism destination in the U.S. Other employers include Boston Pizza International, Sun Peaks Resort, Tourism Whistler and Tourism Vancouver. Andrea holds a Bachelor of Arts from UBC and a Diploma in Marketing Management from BCIT.

"As somebody who grew up in the Basin and who has recently returned to the Basin to raise my family, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work for an organization like CBT with a mandate to improve the well-being of Basin residents."

Alex Chapple has also joined the Communications department in Castlegar as a Communications Coordinator, covering a maternity leave.

Alex has worked in communications and public relations for over five years, most recently as an account manager with Hoggan & Associates, a Vancouver public relations firm. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Bishop's University and a Post-graduate Public Relations Certificate, Honours, from Humber College.

Alex and her fiancé recently relocated to Nelson. "We are excited to be a part of a community that values its residents and fosters the care of its youth and elderly while striving for environmental and economic sustainability. To us, the Kootenays is a place where the voice of the community is heard and where families and businesses flourish, and CBT is playing an important role in helping to make these things happen."

CBT is looking forward to working with Andrea and Alex. Get to know more of our staff [here](#).





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