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Celebrate local culture at the 2011 [Columbia Basin Culture Tour](#), taking place Basin-wide August 13 and 14.



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CBT Supports the Development of Community Foundations

Monday, July 11, 2011

Strengthening communities with over \$500,000 since 2000

CBT recently contributed \$50,000 to the [LeRoi Community Foundation](#), CBT's eleventh community foundation to receive support from its Endowment Support for Community Foundations Program.

The LeRoi Community Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Greater Trail through a large network of local donors and corporations.

"The LeRoi Community Foundation is an excellent example of a foundation that responds to identified community needs and assists with the growth of local organizations," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "CBT is pleased to assist Basin community foundations in their efforts to support a wide range of local organizations and activities."

The Endowment Support for Community Foundations Program helps community foundations increase their endowment levels, encourages the development of new community foundations in areas that are not covered by an existing community foundation and increases the capacity of Basin communities to identify and meet their own needs through community leadership and a local granting process to registered charities.

"We are thrilled to be receiving support from Columbia Basin Trust," said Adam Monteith, LeRoi Community Foundation Chair. "The positive impact of our granting programs is continually enhanced by the participation of local organizations and companies, and CBT is no exception. CBT's mandate to create a legacy of social, economic and environmental well-being complements our philanthropic efforts to better the Greater Trail area."

CBT provides a minimum of \$25,000 and maximum of \$50,000 in matching funds to the community foundations for their endowment growth.

Other foundations that have benefited from the program:

- [Revelstoke Community Foundation](#)
- [Osprey Foundation \(Nelson\)](#)
- [Golden and District Community Foundation](#)
- [Columbia Valley Community Foundation](#)
- [Cranbrook and District Community Foundation](#)
- [Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake](#)
- [Nakusp And Area Community Foundation](#)
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- [Valemount Community Foundation \(Fund of the Price George Community Foundation\)](#)
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The LeRoi Community Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Greater Trail through a large network of local donors and corporations. CBT recently donated \$50,000 to the Foundation as part of its Endowment Support for Community Foundations Program. From left to right: Lisa Erven, CBT Manager, Planning and Development; Adam Monteith, LeRoi Community Foundation Chair; Bill Trehwella, CBT Board Member.



Construction Begins on Cranbrook's First BuiltGreen Multi-family Housing Complex

Tuesday, July 19, 2011

CBT invests in Fisher Peak Townhomes

New Dawn Developments is starting construction on a new multi-family housing complex in Cranbrook, BC. CBT is a proud investor in Fisher Peak Townhomes, which will provide quality homes at an entry-level price, making home ownership a possibility for many.

New Dawn Developments is constructing these townhomes to BuiltGreen Platinum standards through its voluntary use of resource-efficient, environmentally friendly construction practices and products.

"We are excited to offer our new townhome housing option to residents in the Cranbrook area and are pleased to have CBT provide financing for the project," said Chad Jensen, President, New Dawn Developments. "Our philosophy is to provide exceptional customer service, superior quality and workmanship and remarkable value—and this project will be no different."

Upon completion, the master planned community will be composed of eight phases with 25 individual homes. Each home will boast 1,570 square feet of open-concept living with an attached garage, three bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms and a lower-level walkout area.

"CBT is proud to play a part in helping meet the needs of Basin families by increasing the availability of this type of housing," said Johnny Strilaeff, CBT Vice-President, Investments. "Fisher Peak is a quality development in the community and we look forward to our new partnership with New Dawn Developments."

With prices starting at \$269,000, Fisher Peak Townhomes will also include low-maintenance exteriors, granite countertops, maple cabinetry, tile flooring at the entry, a master walk-in closet, window coverings and six G.E. appliances.



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New Dawn Developments is starting construction on Fisher Peak Townhomes, Cranbrook's first BuiltGreen multi-family complex. CBT is proud to be a community investor in this project. In photo (left to right): Tim O'Doherty, CBT Manager, Investments; Paul Fergus, Director of Operations, New Dawn Developments; Johnny Strilaeff, CBT Vice-President, Investments; Chad Jensen, President, New Dawn Developments; Ron Miles, CBT Board Member.

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Visitors to Fort Steele help scientists research ancient marine animals

Visitors to Fort Steele this summer will have the unique opportunity to discover and take home fossils of ancient marine animals called trilobites during the Trilobite Fossil Research Clinic, supported in part by a \$17,000 contribution from CBT. At the same time, they'll be helping scientists understand the geological and paleontological wonders that exist within the area.



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This summer, visitors to Fort Steele can help researchers discover and record the fossils of trilobites, which are marine animals that lived in the area half a billion years ago.

"CBT is proud to support this project that is educating Basin residents, visitors and scientists about the region's past, and which will also provide scientific information that supports future studies in this field of research," said Jennifer Krotz, CBT Community Liaison.

Scientists have known for a long time that trilobite fossils are abundant near Cranbrook. However, there have been no scientific studies to date to determine the extent of the fossils, their types and their scientific significance. Visitors to Fort Steele are now invited to crack open rocks to find trilobite fossils, while scientists on site record the fossils for research purposes. If the trilobite is a common find, the visitor can take it home. If it is rare, the fossil will be kept for further study and the visitor can choose a different fossil to keep.

"This is a great chance for people to discover the early life forms that existed half a billion years ago in the southeast region of BC," said Chris Jenkins, a member of the Trilobite Research Project, the group hosting the clinic. "One boy has already discovered a rare trilobite, possibly a new species altogether. We encourage people to come and discover more."

The Trilobite Research Project is a collaboration of the following partners: Chris Jenkins, the Fort Steele Historical Society, College of the Rockies, Rocky Mountain School District No. 6 and the Burgess Shale Geoscience Foundation.

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Creston Valley, Invermere and Cranbrook Non-profit Groups Receive Assistance

Tuesday, July 05, 2011

*Four Basin non-profits to benefit from **Enterprising Non-Profits** support*

Four Basin non-profit organizations will receive assistance as part of Enterprising Non-Profits (enp) newly announced \$167,405 in grants.



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Members of Basin Community Foundations attend the Spring 2011 "Building Your Social Enterprise" workshop in Trail.

CBT supports enp, along with eight other funders, to promote and support social enterprise development and growth resulting in strong non-profit organizations and healthier communities.

CBT's partnership with enp provides Basin non-profit organizations with access to technical assistance along the entire social enterprise business development path, helping them to more effectively deliver value to their community and be more financially stable.

The four non-profit organizations receiving grants are:

- Creston Valley Friends of the Community Greenhouse Society will conduct a feasibility study of seedling production as a social enterprise using a greenhouse. This project will also provide employment and the opportunity for staff to learn new skills.
- [Creston Valley Food Action Coalition](#) will update their current business plan in order to create a plan for capacity growth and economic development.
- [Groundswell Network Society](#), located in Invermere, will conduct a feasibility study for a community-wide composting business.
- [Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child & Family](#), located in Cranbrook will, conduct a feasibility study around the marketing of their training sessions in the areas of Signs of Safety and Cross Culture.

The next application deadline for enp is November 24, 2011. CBT funds are used for grants and workshops in the Columbia Basin region. Grants are available up to \$10,000 and workshops are held bi-annually.

Non-profits wishing to apply must attend a one-day 'Building Your Social Enterprise' workshop. Registration is now open for the fall workshops, which will take place in Golden (September 22) and Castlegar (September 28). Find out more about enp and its granting program and workshops at www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca.



Slocan Park Upgrades Its Community Hall

Monday, July 11, 2011

Slocan Park residents and community groups will be able to enjoy an upgraded community hall this fall thanks in part to \$22,000 from CBT.

"This well-used hall is an important public gathering place in Slocan Park, with events ranging from children's play sessions and dance classes to seniors' gatherings," said Lynda Lafleur, CBT Community Liaison. "CBT supports this project as it is enhancing the community now and into future."



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The Slocan Park Community Hall is undergoing renovations thanks in part to CBT.

CBT funds are being used to paint the hall's porch and interior and purchase and install a new sound system. The \$87,500-project also includes increasing energy efficiency through new exterior siding, windows and window coverings and a new heating system.

"These upgrades will create a more appealing and sustainable community hall," said Karen Markin, Slocan Park Hall Director. "The new sound system will also increase opportunities for area musicians and other artists to provide quality cultural experiences."

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43 Grads Receive \$2,000 CBT Awards

Wednesday, July 06, 2011

Students recognized for exemplary community service

CBT congratulates the recipients of the 2011 Youth Community Service Awards. Forty-three high school graduates were recently presented with \$2,000 scholarships toward their first year of post-secondary education or training. The awards are based on volunteer community service rather than academic standing.

"CBT applauds these graduating students who have made a difference in their communities," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "We are pleased to be able to recognize their efforts and to help them achieve their future goals."

All students graduating from a Basin high school, alternate school or other institution that grants graduation diplomas recognized by the Ministry of Education are eligible for this annual award. In total, \$86,000 was distributed to graduating students throughout the Basin in 2011. For more information on the Youth Community Service Award, visit www.cbt.org/yкса.

CBT also proudly supports Basin students with a second scholarship program, the College Community Service Award, which is also based on volunteer community service rather than academic standing. For more information, visit www.cbt.org/ccsa.



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Forty-three high school graduates were presented with \$2,000 scholarships toward their first year of post-secondary education or training.

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Climate Data to Help Grape Growers and Others

Monday, August 15, 2011

The Arrow Lakes Grape Growers Association is collecting climate information in order to determine agricultural opportunities in the Arrow Lakes region. The study, funded in part by CBT, includes the purchase and installation of 25 temperature-specific data loggers and two weather stations, placed in different zones between Nakusp and Edgewood.

"CBT supports this study, which is looking to help increase efficiency and effectiveness in the local agricultural industry, leading to increased growth and sustainability," said Lynda Lafleur, CBT Community Liaison.

Data collected will help determine information like what the frost-free season is and the number of growing days. This can then be used by grape growers and other farmers to determine what types of agriculture would be best suited to and most profitable for the area.

"With the complex topography along the Arrow Lakes, the Grape Growers and I feel that a network of climate stations is the only way to accurately map the climate variations relevant to agriculture," said Jody Scott, Arrow Lakes Grape Growers Association. "We would like to thank CBT for its generous support of our climate study."



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[Lynda Lafleur, CBT Community Liaison, and Jody Scott, Arrow Lakes Grape Growers Association, with a climate data logger in the test growing plot in Nakusp.](#)



Learn More About CBT and CBT-supported Projects

Thursday, July 21, 2011

CBT releases its 2010/11 Annual Report and 2011 Report to Residents

The public is invited to learn more about CBT and the activities it supports through its *2010/11 Annual Report* and *2011 Report to Residents*.

The *Annual Report* reflects CBT's performance for the 2010/11 year, ending March 31, and details its financial investments, spending and program and initiative activities. *Report to Residents* contains a condensed version of the above plus highlights recent CBT-supported projects and initiatives, offering a reader-friendly and informative glimpse at CBT and its role in the Basin.

In 2010/11, CBT returned a record \$11.2 million in direct funding benefits to Basin communities, up from \$10.9 million in 2009/10. Its Investment Program also continued to experience strong financial performance, with total revenues increasing to \$28.4 million in 2010/11, up from \$26.1 million in 2009/10.

"In order to fund our activities, CBT invests in opportunities on behalf of Basin residents, such as power projects, real estate and business loans," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "Thanks to the continued strong financial performance of these investments, CBT was able to provide a record amount of support in 2010/11, and will be able to do so again in 2011/12 with a record \$17 million in new funding—the largest allocation in CBT history and a 13 per cent increase over last year's budget."

The theme of both reports, "Shaping Our Future Together," reflects CBT's role in helping to bring people, governments and communities together and in encouraging collaboration and partnerships. CBT's staff, advisory committees and partners are working together with communities to identify priorities in the Basin, while providing access to funding, information and expertise to strengthen the region.

"CBT continues to take steps to understand current needs and issues in communities, add new value to the efforts of Basin residents and have an impact on well-being in the Basin," said Garry Merkel, CBT Board Chair. "Where interest in working together is developing, CBT is prepared to facilitate and provide support for collaboration. We're also committed to enhancing community participation in project decision-making, so that communities are determining how best to advance their priorities."

The *Annual Report* is available at any CBT office or can be found online at www.cbt.org/annualreport. *Report to Residents* is being mailed to homes Basin-wide or can be found at any office or online at www.cbt.org/2011rtor. People can also obtain the reports by phoning 1.800.505.8998.



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