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**Environmental projects wanted!** The deadline for CBT's [Environmental Initiatives Program](#) is Monday, November 14, 2011.



## Columbia River Treaty Information Sessions Continue

Monday, November 07, 2011

Hundreds of Basin residents have come to recent information sessions in Valemount, Jaffray, Cranbrook, Castlegar, Trail, Revelstoke and Golden to learn more about the Columbia River Treaty and how it relates to local dams, reservoirs and water levels.

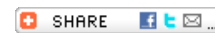
More sessions are planned this fall for Nelson, Nakusp, Creston, Meadow Creek and Kaslo. If you can't attend, stay home, turn on your computer and join the discussion via an online information session on Wednesday, November 23. Plus watch for more information sessions in 2012. Learn more at [www.cbt.org/crt/events.html](http://www.cbt.org/crt/events.html).

Visit CBT's [Columbia River Treaty web pages](#) and check out the videos, Google Earth flyovers, fact sheets and more on the [Resources](#) page. [Contact us](#) if you want to arrange a presentation on the Columbia River Treaty. And [sign up](#) to receive updates via email.



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The Columbia Wetlands near Harrogate.



## CBT Welcomes New Advisory Committee Members

Thursday, November 10, 2011

*Eleven new members to provide advice to CBT*

CBT is pleased to welcome 11 new members to its three advisory committees in its core areas of social, economic and environment. One way CBT remains accountable to Basin residents is through the use of these committees, which provide advice on how CBT delivers benefits to the region.



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"In order to help provide a lasting legacy of social, economic and environmental well-being, CBT

[CBT's advisory committee members met in Nelson from October 21 to 22, 2011.](#)

needs to be aware of current issues and concerns in Basin communities," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "Our advisory committees are one way to receive this input, plus we benefit from the members' individual areas of expertise."

The committees play an important role in providing community perspectives, sectoral expertise and strategic advice on CBT's activities and priorities. This advice may be particular to the committee's core or program area, or more general in regard to CBT's overall direction. The committee's advice is sought according to the vision and principles outlined in the Columbia Basin Management Plan.

"Joining CBT's Social Advisory Committee means being part of a team of dedicated people that are working together to making the Basin a better place to live," said new member Keri Rinehart, Kimberley. "CBT's approach of bringing people together to gain perspective and seek feedback while striving to move forward is very inclusive and inspiring. I'm excited to be a part of this process."

"I chose to join the Environment Advisory Committee to be a participant in a team that works to achieve ongoing environmental integrity in the Basin," said new member James Maitre, Revelstoke. "Working in collaboration ensures a variety of ideas are brought forth and considered, which ultimately helps strengthen CBT's presence in the Basin."

CBT would like to acknowledge and welcome the following new members:

- Social Advisory Committee: Mary DeVan, Lynn Mace, Susie Mayson, Dee McEachern and Keri Rinehart;
- Economic Advisory Committee: Mike Cattle; and
- Environment Advisory Committee: Theresa Ehman, Jayme Hadikin, James Maitre, Daniel Schneider and Ian Wiles.

CBT also has two program advisory groups that provide advice on youth and water initiatives. For a full list of advisory committee members, or more information about CBT's advisory committees, visit: [www.cbt.org/committees](http://www.cbt.org/committees).



## Land Purchase Helps Create Unbroken Wildlife Corridor

Tuesday, November 01, 2011

*CBT supports Nature Trust's purchase of the Silver Tip Ranch with \$335,000*

A previously privately owned 137.5-hectare portion of the Columbia Basin will now become a conservation property thanks in part to \$335,000 in support from Columbia Basin Trust (CBT). CBT, along with other funding partners and the generosity of the previous landowners, the Logan family, has helped The Nature Trust of BC (TNT) purchase the Silver Tip Ranch, near the East Kootenay community of Bull River, for conservation purposes.

"CBT has committed to long-term and enduring stewardship of the Basin's natural resources," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "The purchase of the Silver Tip Ranch will help ensure an unbroken wildlife corridor from the Kootenay River to the Rocky Mountains."

The property features wetlands, forest cover, grasslands and agricultural fields that are habitat for many wildlife species. It provides a migration route and winter range for ungulates such as elk, white-tail deer and mule deer. Predators, including coyotes, wolves, black bears and cougars, also utilize the area.

"The Nature Trust is honoured to be conserving Silver Tip Ranch in our 40th anniversary year. Partnerships are key to our success and this property is a wonderful demonstration of partners in action," said Doug Walker, CEO of The Nature Trust.

"The fact that we sold the ranch to The Nature Trust says a lot about our love for this land and the fact that we want to care for it," said Patricia Logan, the previous landowner. "We chose The Nature Trust because it is a provincial conservation organization and we felt we could work with them on the future of the land. We are happy to know that at least Silver Tip Ranch will be returned to the way it was before people moved into this area and it will be looked after for wildlife."

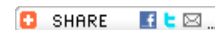
The Nature Trust of BC is a non-profit land conservation organization dedicated to protecting BC's natural diversity of plants and animals through the acquisition and conservation of critical habitats and other areas of ecological significance. Learn more at [www.naturetrust.bc.ca](http://www.naturetrust.bc.ca).

CBT's Land Conservation Strategy supports community-supported, multi-stakeholder land conservation efforts that assist in maintaining a range of community values on lands in the Basin. Since the program's inception, CBT has contributed over \$3 million to conservation and securement opportunities in the Basin, helping protect over 100,000 hectares of land. Learn more at [www.cbt.org/environment](http://www.cbt.org/environment).



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The Silver Tip Ranch near Bull River in the East Kootenay will be conserved by The Nature Trust of BC thanks in part to \$335,000 in support from Columbia Basin Trust.



## Get Involved

CBT, in partnership with the CRT Local Governments' Committee, is hosting 10 community information sessions and four **online information sessions** in October and November 2011.

**Contact us** if you want CBT to make a presentation on the Columbia River Treaty in your community.

Visit **resources** for **videos**, **maps**, **links** and **reports**. Take the **CRT quiz** when you are ready to test your knowledge. **Subscribe** to CRT e-letter. Take a short **survey**.

### Online Information Sessions

Join a one-hour online information session via the internet. Space is limited to 100 people per session. Register now for the online information session you want to attend. Then follow the instructions.



Date	When	Online Info Session
Wed. Nov 23, 2011	10:00 am MDT / 9:00 am PDT	<a href="#">Register now</a>
Wed. Nov 23, 2011	7:30 pm MDT / 6:30 pm PDT	<a href="#">Register now</a>

### Community Information Sessions

Drop by an open house or attend a presentation and discussion. Complete your **CRT quiz** while you are at an information session.

Unless noted below, all open houses and presentation times are:

**Open House** 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
**Presentation / Discussion** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Community	When?	Where?
Jaffray	Tuesday, October 4 Open House 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Free BBQ 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Presentation 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Jaffray Hall Jaffray Village Loop Road
Cranbrook	Thursday, October 6 Free BBQ 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	College of the Rockies Kootenay Centre 2700 College Way
Castlegar	Wednesday, October 19 Free BBQ 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Castlegar and District Recreation Centre 210 6th Avenue
Trail	Thursday, October 20 Free BBQ 6:00 to 7:00	The Riverbelle 1350 Esplanade
Revelstoke	Monday, November 7 Open House 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Revelstoke Community Centre 600 Campbell Ave.



	<p>Free Dinner 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Presentation 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</p>	
Golden	<p>Tuesday, November 8</p> <p>Open House 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Free Dinner 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Presentation 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Golden Seniors Centre</p> <p>1401 9th Street South</p>
Nelson	<p>Monday, November 14</p> <p>Open House 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Free BBQ 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Presentation 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Nelson District Rod &amp; Gun Club</p> <p>801 Railway Street</p>
Nakusp	<p>Tuesday, November 15</p> <p>Open House 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Free Dinner 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Presentation 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Nakusp &amp; Area Community Complex &amp; Arena</p> <p>200 8th Avenue North West</p>
Creston	<p>Monday, November 28</p> <p>Open House 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Free BBQ 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m..</p> <p>Presentation 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Creston &amp; District Community Complex</p> <p>312 19th Avenue North</p>
Meadow Creek	<p>Tuesday, November 29</p> <p>Open House 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Free Dinner 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m..</p> <p>Presentation 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Lardeau Valley Community Hall</p> <p>Hwy. 31 in Meadow Creek</p> <p>Free bus to Meadow Creek. Leaves Kaslo Seniors' Hall at 5:00 p.m. on Nov 29th. Reserve your seat. Call 250 353 2311.</p>
Kaslo	<p>Wednesday, November 30</p> <p>Open House 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.</p> <p>Free Refreshments</p>	<p>J.V. Humphries School</p> <p>500 6th Avenue</p>
New Denver	<p>Tuesday, February 21, 2012</p>	<p>Please check back later</p>

Tobacco Plains Band	Thursday, January 12, 2012  Tentative	Please check back later
Columbia Valley	2012	Please check back later

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## Environmental Initiatives Program

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The Environmental Initiatives Program (EIP) provides support to community-initiated and -supported projects that aim to reduce the impacts humans have on local and regional ecosystems. Part of the program intent is to encourage education and awareness for all generations about Basin ecosystems and associated human interactions.

EIP has provided approximately \$4.5 million in funding over the past 10 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.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Several aspects of the EIP funding process have recently changed to better meet the needs of program applicants. Environmental groups wishing to apply for funding should take note of these revisions:

- 1) The maximum funding for large grants has increased to \$30,000, from \$20,000.
- 2) The application deadline for large grants (\$10,000 to \$30,000) for the 2011/12 field season is Monday, November 14, 2011, at 3 p.m. PST/4 p.m. MST. **PLEASE NOTE:** There will *not* be a spring 2012 intake; the next intake will take place in fall 2012.
- 3) Funding applications for small grants (less than \$10,000) may be submitted throughout the year. However, applications received by Monday, November 14, 2011, will be reviewed at that time; after that date, applications received will be reviewed as they arrive, but are subject to available funding.

### Who Can Apply:

Applicants must be a community organization, society or business within the CBT area. (See the [Columbia Basin map](#) for the boundaries of the CBT area.) CBT does not enter into agreements with individuals.

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.

Only those proposals targeting EIP-eligible activities, as described in the Application Guide below, within the CBT area will be considered.

### How To Apply:

The 2011 EIP Large Grant intake is now closed. The Small Grant intake is closed until further notice, subject to available funding.

**Deadline For Applications: 1) Large Grants (\$10,000 to \$30,000):** THE APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS PASSED (Monday, November 14, 2011).

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will not be a spring 2012 intake; the next intake will take place in fall 2012.

**2) Small Grants (less than \$10,000):** THIS INTAKE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



## 24 BASIN RESIDENTS RECEIVE AWARD TO PURSUE EDUCATION

Monday, October 24, 2011

*CBT awards recognize volunteering efforts*

Thanks to their commitments to volunteering, 24 Basin residents have received a \$2,000 CBT Service Award to pursue post-secondary education or training through the 2011 College Community Service Awards (CCSA).

The awards are available to Basin residents who have taken a hiatus of at least one year after completing high school and wish to continue their education. Unlike many awards, they are based on volunteer service, not academic achievement.

"Through these awards, mature students get financial help to return to school, and get rewarded for their efforts as volunteers," said Wayne Lundeberg, Director, Youth Initiatives, CBT. "This creates stronger Basin communities: the organizations they volunteer for are stronger, and the students get to pursue higher education while staying in the Basin."

"I am very grateful to receive this award from Columbia Basin Trust. I am a single mother of two, and a full time nursing student. The award is a great help to my family, and is very much appreciated," said Melissa Monsen, Nursing, College of the Rockies.

Awards this year went to students at both Selkirk College and College of the Rockies.

### **SELKIRK COLLEGE**

#### ARROW CREEK

Muriel Buhr

#### CASTLEGAR

Sandi McCreight

Mark Paquette

Tasha Repin

#### CRESCENT VALLEY

Kathleen Dolan

#### KITCHENER

Kaitlyn Beattie

#### NELSON

James Ryan Brown

Fiona Brown

Anne Cavicchi

Chelsea Flett

Jessica Kelly

Sean Santano

Eli Zibin

#### ROSSLAND

Amanda McKay

Karen Spicer

#### SLOCAN CITY

Katie Abel

#### YMIR

Aron Jones

### **COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES**

#### CRANBROOK

Melissa Monsen

Shanda Fulcher

Jason Pogue

Tanya Molle

#### CRESTON



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[College of the Rockies nursing student, Melissa Monsen.](#)

Angelica Ducharme

Faye Vance

NELSON

Marnie Lehr



## Students Learn About Their Local Watershed

Tuesday, November 01, 2011

Thirteen-year-old Kyra Burkart explored her local watershed recently and got a closer look at Anderson Creek near Nelson. She joined other grade eight students from Trafalgar Middle School who participated in Know Your Watershed, a CBT water-stewardship program. Kyra and the rest of the students did water quality testing and toured local water treatment facilities as part of the day-long field trip.



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Know Your Watershed includes two classroom sessions and a field trip that helps teach local students where their water comes from, how it is used in their community and where it goes after it is used. Students from across the Basin have been taking part in Know Your Watershed this fall. Learn more at [www.cbt.org/water](http://www.cbt.org/water).

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## Championship Curling Comes to Cranbrook

Friday, November 04, 2011

CBT is a proud sponsor of the **2011 Capital One Canada Cup of Curling** and the **Junior Stars** program, which will take place in Cranbrook from November 30 to December 4, 2011.



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From left to right: Terry Morris, Event Manager, 2011 Capital One Canada Cup; Jennifer Krotz, Community Liaison, CBT; and Brenna Baker, Marketing Administrator, 2011 Capital One Canada Cup.

## Welcome Mark Brunton

Monday, October 24, 2011

CBT is pleased to announce that Mark Brunton has joined as Manager, Operations. Mark will coordinate and manage CBT's internal operations and Human Resources functions. He will also be in charge of managing specific internal projects, such as the development of an organization-wide risk management program and records management system.

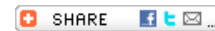


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Welcome Mark Brunton, CBT's new  
Manager, Operations.

"I am very excited to join the team and be part of CBT's ongoing success," Mark said. "Improving internal systems to enhance organizational performance is a passion of mine, and I look forward to my new role as Manager, Operations."

Mark brings considerable leadership and operational experience to CBT, as well as much experience working with government agencies and community groups. For the past three and a half years, he has held the position of Executive Director with the Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services Society and Halcyon Assisted Living Society. He has also served as a member of CBT's Social Advisory Committee. Prior to that, Mark was CEO for the Simon House Residence Society in Alberta.

Mark will be based out of CBT's Castlegar office. To connect with him or other CBT staff members, visit [www.cbt.org/staff](http://www.cbt.org/staff).



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We are celebrating the success of community projects, which you may have recently seen in your community paper. View what these communities are doing to Make the Most of Us.

We want to hear from you. Connect with us at 1-800-505-8998

“ A new community centre for Elkford has been a **local priority** for several years, as it will help the area grow and develop. With CBT support, we're excited to say construction has now begun.”

DEAN MCKERRACHER,  
MAYOR, DISTRICT OF ELK FORD

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“ Affordable housing is a priority in our region and Creston is thankful that through its **partnership** with CBT and others we have been able to enhance the rental housing sector.”

RON TOYOTA, MAYOR, TOWN OF CRESTON

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“ Our community is committed to arts, culture and heritage, which fuels a deep sense of pride and makes Golden a better place to be. CBT understands our vision and has helped us restore and enhance the Golden Civic Centre—a **community** dream come true.”

BILL USHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
KICKING HORSE CULTURE, GOLDEN

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“ The assistance was timely and strategic. CBT's Basin Business Advisors Program is a top-notch means of fostering a **sustainable** business culture in the Basin.”

MICHAEL E. KEEFER, PRESIDENT,  
KEEFER ECOLOGICAL SERVICES LTD. AND  
TIPI MOUNTAIN NATIVE PLANTS LTD.,  
CRANBROOK

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“ The **investment** from CBT will help ensure the success of ATCO Wood Products well into the future. ”

SCOTT WEATHERFORD, CEO, ATCO WOOD PRODUCTS LTD. & INTERNATIONAL RAILROAD SYSTEMS, FRUITVALE

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“ Students have the opportunity for a hands-on learning experience that also makes the connection with global issues on a **local** scale through CBT's Know Your Watershed Program. ”

CAM LYLE, SCIENCE TEACHER, W.E. GRAHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL, SLOCAN

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“ With support from CBT's Summer Works program, we were able to create a job for a student, allowing us to revamp our manufacturing environment and increase production by 17 per cent, helping pave the way for continued success in the **future.** ”

ANDERS MALPASS, PRESIDENT, DROP DESIGNS, SOUTH SLOCAN

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CBT works alongside Basin residents to report to community needs and regional concerns. To foster well-being for years to come we deliver programs on our own or partner with Basin communities and organizations. We help Basin residents, organizations and communities:

- address local priorities and issues
- collaborate and form partnerships
- gather with others to discuss key issues
- obtain useful, credible information
- access resources and funding