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## More Than a Ski Lodge

Thursday, November 15, 2012

*CBT contributes \$100,000 toward multi-purpose building at Summit Lake Ski Hill*

It's where red-cheeked children sip hot chocolate after a day of hitting the slopes, but soon the lodge at Summit Lake Ski Hill will be valuable for more than that. The Nakusp Ski Club, partnering with other local recreational groups, has received \$100,000 from CBT to help it transform the lodge into a year-round, multi-purpose facility.

As snow approaches, the first phase is taking shape. Thanks to a large contingent of volunteers and generous contributions from local contractors and retailers, the roof is on a new rental shop and storage area. The electricity is hooked up, and doors and windows should be arriving soon. The addition will significantly increase the square footage of the original 1960s lodge, plus add an element of safety and accessibility for patrons that was lacking before.

"We thank everyone who's helped us get to this point," said Eric Waterfield, Nakusp Ski Club President. "We're excited with the progress we've made, and look forward to having the addition up and running by the 2013/14 ski season."

The ultimate plan is for the lodge and ski hill property to become an all-season hub for groups of all types. The ski club collaborated with recreational groups from Nakusp to New Denver—including hiking, running, ATV, mountain biking and cross-country ski clubs—to determine how the project could benefit all. Activities like cultural events may also take place at the lodge.

"This project is a great example of people working together to achieve more," said Gary Ockenden, CBT Director, Community Initiatives. "It started as a simple ski hill improvement project and has grown into a plan for a well-rounded community asset. Once completed, this facility will be an inviting destination for a range of activities."



## Funds for Youth Projects in the Basin

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

*CBT announces deadlines for two youth granting programs*

Columbia Basin Trust is making \$150,000 available for projects that benefit Basin youth through two granting programs.

"We confirmed in our 2011 – 2015 Youth Initiatives Strategic Plan that we wanted to continue to support a range of opportunities that allow youth to engage with their communities and one another," said Sabrina Curtis, CBT Director, Sector Initiatives. "These two granting programs will make funds available for more youth projects."

Columbia Basin Youth Grants (CBYG):

- Funds projects that directly benefit Basin youth aged 12 to 29 for up to \$15,000;
- Registered non-profit organizations, school districts, First Nations organizations and local government—plus youth aged 15 to 29 with a sponsoring organization—can apply to CBYG.
- The next deadline is December 17, 2012.
- For application forms and guidelines, visit [www.cbt.org/cbyg](http://www.cbt.org/cbyg).

Youth Action Grants (YAG):

- Youth aged 12 to 19 can apply to YAG for up to \$3,000 with projects that demonstrate youth-led action with positive outcomes.
- There will be monthly intakes, on the first of every month, starting December 1, 2012.
- For application forms and guidelines, visit [www.cbt.org/yag](http://www.cbt.org/yag).

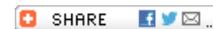
Applications to both programs are adjudicated by CBT's **Youth Advisory Committee**, a group of youth from around the Basin whose involvement further promotes the active engagement of youth in regional decision-making processes.

CBT supports youth and communities through a range of programs. Visit [www.cbt.org/youth](http://www.cbt.org/youth) for more details.



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Three Cranbrook youth who participated in CBT's Youth Action Summit received a grant for their "Speak Up, Speak Out - Youth Dinner" in Cranbrook. (L-R) Lani Davis, Laureen Nilsson and Darelyn Hutchinson (front).



## Take Part in Provincial Consultations on the Columbia River Treaty

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

*Residents will have another chance to talk to the Province about the future of the Columbia River Treaty in November.*

The Columbia River Treaty (CRT) Local Governments' Committee encourages Basin residents to attend consultation workshops in Jaffray, Creston, Nelson, Trail, Nakusp, Revelstoke, Golden and Valemount.

These workshops are the next step in the Province's commitment to consult with the residents of the Columbia Basin to ensure their concerns are heard in the Provincial Review of the 1964 CRT between Canada and the U.S. Residents will learn about the initial results of the studies being done for the Provincial Review and can provide the Province with feedback on the impact of CRT scenarios in the future and how those scenarios could affect local interests.

"The Province has completed a number of important studies, including a report summarizing the available information about socio-economic benefits and impacts of the CRT and analyses of the potential impacts of CRT scenarios on Basin interests. It is essential that Basin residents understand this information and express their views," says Deb Kozak, CRT Local Governments' Committee Chair and Councillor, City of Nelson.

### Community/Date/Location

JAFFRAY: Wednesday, November 14 at the Jaffray Hall

CRESTON : Thursday, November 15 at the Creston & District Community Complex

REVELSTOKE: Tuesday, November 20 at the Revelstoke Community Centre

GOLDEN: Wednesday, November 21 at the Golden Civic Centre

VALEMOUNT: Thursday, November 22 at the Valemount Visitor Centre

NELSON: Tuesday, November 27 at the Nelson & District Rod and Gun Club

TRAIL: Wednesday, November 28 at the Best Western Plus Columbia River Hotel

NAKUSP: Thursday, November 29 at the Nakusp & District Sports Complex

Background information on the CRT will be available during the open house from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. Presentations and discussions are scheduled from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

You can join the workshop in Trail online on November 28. To find out more about the Community and Live Stream events visit:

[www.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty/events/2012-11](http://www.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty/events/2012-11).

These consultation workshops are free and registration is not required for the community events. Register for the online workshop at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/rivertreaty>.

The **CRT Local Governments' Committee** includes representatives of regional districts from across the Canadian Columbia Basin. With the support of Columbia Basin Trust (CBT), the Committee is working to help Basin residents and local governments engage in decisions about the future of the Columbia River Treaty.

The Province's studies about the range of benefits and impacts of the CRT on Basin communities, the Columbia River Basin region and the province as a whole and how environmental values are being considered in the Review will be available on the CRT Review website at [www.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty](http://www.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty) before the community consultations begin.

To help build understanding and to support residents to engage in the provincial consultation, CBT is hosting three online information sessions on November 7, 19 and 26. Register at [www.cbt.org/crt/infosession](http://www.cbt.org/crt/infosession).

Learn more and stay informed:

\* Subscribe to the Provincial CRT Review e-letter at [www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/enews-subscribe.html](http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/enews-subscribe.html)

\* Join the discussion on **Twitter #crtreaty** and **Facebook**

\* Take a tutorial on your own schedule at [www.cbt.org/crt/tutorial](http://www.cbt.org/crt/tutorial)

\* Watch this short video on the history of the CRT [www.cbt.org/crthistoryvideo](http://www.cbt.org/crthistoryvideo)

\* Read this brochure that provides an overview of the CRT [www.cbt.org/crtbrochure](http://www.cbt.org/crtbrochure).

Learn more about the CRT under Frequently Asked Questions on CBT's website at [www.cbt.org/crt/FAQ.html](http://www.cbt.org/crt/FAQ.html).



## Nine New Members for CBT's Youth Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 25, 2012

*Members play a leadership role in addressing youth issues in the Basin*

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) is a group of involved youth from around the Columbia Basin who provide advice to CBT and a youth perspective on a variety of issues facing today's youth. Members - called "YACers" - commit to a one-year term and have an opportunity to meet, work and travel with a group of like-minded young people.

"We work with youth and communities to increase youth opportunities and engagement," said Michelle d'Entremont, CBT Youth Liaison. "Being a member of YAC is a great way for youth to develop their leadership skills, engage with CBT and provide input on issues that are important to them."

Welcome to new members: Curtis Bendig (Nelson), Darelyn Hutchinson (Cranbrook), Laura Kanik (Revelstoke), Paniz Khosroshahy (Cranbrook), James Klemmensen (Rossland), Danika Reid (Cranbrook), Bailey Repp (Nelson), Wesley Routley (Golden) and Theresa Thoms (Castlegar).

The new members are excited about joining YAC and looking forward to making a difference in their communities.

"To me, being on YAC is so different from any other club or team," said Bailey Repp of Nelson. "Being able to provide and empower other youth with huge opportunities to drive change has to be one of the best feelings one can have."

"I am very passionate about youth issues and work hard in my community to give youth a voice," said Darelyn Hutchinson of Cranbrook. "It's a wonderful feeling to get to be a part of the decision-making process with youth grants, and the fun process of inspiring youth and getting inspired myself."

Laura Panik of Revelstoke added, "I am truly excited by this opportunity. I see YAC as an opportunity to use my skills and enthusiasm to contribute to my community while also developing my skills. Win-win!"

Welcome back to returning members: Sierra Franklin (Canal Flats), Blake Nicol (Nelson) and Taryn Walker (Revelstoke). What did past YACers have to say to new members?

"You will be surprised by the welcoming feel the YAC committee has to it and how quickly you become part of the group," said Blake Nicol of Nelson. "Before you know it, you will find yourself having a great time!"

Said Taryn Walker of Revelstoke, "Through YAC you feel more confident about your ability to give meaningful input. You find yourself stepping outside of yourself and considering others' perspectives while developing skills you never knew you were capable of."

Prospective YACers go through an application process and are selected to volunteer on the committee by the previous year's committee members. The commitment involves a weekend meeting every two months, which includes the review of **Columbia Basin Youth Grants** applications - a task that is unique to this CBT advisory committee to further promote the active engagement of youth in regional decision-making processes.

CBT supports youth and communities through a range of programs such as the **Community Directed Youth Funds** and Columbia Basin Youth Grants, as well as by providing a forum for Basin youth to share their art, ideas and experiences with each other through **SCRATCH** magazine. Visit [www.cbt.org/youth](http://www.cbt.org/youth) for more details.



## Koocanusa Boat Launch Plaque Unveiled

Tuesday, November 13, 2012

The Yaqakxaqtamki Boat Launch, on the shores of Koocanusa Reservoir, has wrapped up its second season of operation. The boat launch was made possible through the support of three key funders—BC Hydro, Teck and CBT—and the cooperation of several partners. To recognize the contributions of both funders and partners, the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) unveiled a dedication plaque on the site. The most recent upgrades to the facility include upgrades to the dock, attendant facility installation, directional signage and barriers.

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From left to right: **BACK ROW:** Heath Slee (RDEK Electoral Area B Director), Rick Allen (CBT), Wally Penner (formerly of CBT), Kevin Paterson (RDEK Environmental Services Manager), Ray Kelly (Kootenay Power Boat Association), Ray Joubert (Tobacco Plains Band); **MIDDLE ROW:** Mike Sosnowski (RDEK Electoral Area A Director), Mary Giuliano (Mayor, City of Fernie), Dean McKerracher (Mayor, District of Elkford); **FRONT ROW:** Rob Gay (Chair, RDEK), Diane Tammen (BC Hydro), Hon. Bill Bennett (Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development), Cal McDougall (Teck), Lois Halko (Mayor, District of Sparwood), Lisa Cox (Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations).

# Waneta Expansion PROJECT



UPDATE - FALL 2012



**THIS \$900 MILLION, FOUR  
AND A HALF YEAR PROJECT  
IS BRINGING BENEFITS TO  
OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES  
AND WORKERS**

The Waneta Expansion Project near Trail is one of the largest hydroelectric projects currently under construction in British Columbia. When complete in 2015, it will generate 335 MW of clean, hydroelectric energy without building a new dam. The Waneta Expansion powerhouse will not only share the water from the existing dam, it will incorporate the most recent advancements in hydro technology.

Nearing the half-way mark of construction, the project is currently on schedule and budget. This fall, the project reached a milestone with the completion of the concrete linings in the power tunnels which will carry water to the new powerhouse. Major construction activities are now focused on form and concrete work in the new powerhouse area. Voith Hydro has arrived on site and mechanical work is underway.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Currently over 350 people are working directly on the project. The project has a local (within 100 km) hire rate of 75 per cent with apprenticeship opportunities and equity hiring provisions in place for women, persons with disabilities, First Nations and/or visible minorities.
- \$115 million has been allocated to local businesses for the purchases of goods and services.
- A high standard of safety, quality and environmental protection. To date, the project has logged over 1 million man hours without a major environmental or safety incident.
- A Community Impact Management Committee meets monthly to provide ongoing support to encourage positive community impacts and benefits and relay community concerns resulting from construction of the project.
- The project's socio-economic monitoring program shows economic and employment benefits to the region and an extraordinary safety record. The 2012 Second Quarter Socio-Economic Monitoring Report is available at: [www.columbiapower.org/pdf/2012-Q2SEMReport.pdf](http://www.columbiapower.org/pdf/2012-Q2SEMReport.pdf).
- Planning is underway for a community open-house and tours in 2013.



*Workers carefully navigating rebar in the powerhouse area*

Columbia Power is managing construction of the project on behalf of the partners

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