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Garry Merkel Commended for Dedication to CBT and Our Region

Tuesday, January 08, 2013

Visionary leader retires from CBT Board after nearly two decades

CBT thanks and extends its best wishes to Garry Merkel, the outgoing Chair of its Board of Directors. From Kimberley, Merkel was instrumental in the formation of CBT, first as part of the committee that negotiated with the Province of BC for the establishment of CBT, and then as a founding member of CBT's Board. He served as Vice-Chair from 1995 to 2006, then Chair from 2006 to 2012.

"On behalf of CBT's Board and staff, I would like to thank Garry and acknowledge his many contributions; his input and leadership over the course of 18 years has been invaluable," said Greg Deck, CBT's new Board Chair. "Garry's impact on CBT—and through CBT, on the Columbia Basin—cannot be overemphasized."

Deck, from Radium Hot Springs, is replacing Merkel as Chair. He has been on the Board since CBT's inception in 1995, serving as Vice-Chair from 2008 to the end of 2012. Nakusp's Laurie Page, who joined the Board in January 2012, is taking over as Vice-Chair.

"Greg helped found CBT and throughout the years has provided expert guidance and leadership to CBT, as well as to other local governments and organizations," said Merkel. "In Laurie's year with us, she has provided significant direction to the Board and has stood out through her outstanding efforts as a community volunteer. I also welcome Rick Jensen to the Board, and am pleased I can leave the governance of CBT in such capable hands."

Jensen joins the Board from Cranbrook, where he is President and CEO of Panorama Mountain Village, the Board Chair of New Dawn Developments, a director of New Dawn Restorations and President of the Canadian Institute of Excellence.

Other Board members include Denise Birdstone (Ktunaxa Nation Council), Wendy Booth (Fairmont Hot Springs), Kim Deane (Rossland), Gord DeRosa (Trail), Cindy Gallinger (Elkford), Am Naqvi (Nelson), Andru McCracken (Valemount), Paul Peterson (Burton) and David Raven (Revelstoke).

CBT's 12-member Board consists of qualified individuals appointed by the provincial government: six from among the nominees of the five regional districts and the Ktunaxa Nation Council and six others. All directors must be residents of the Basin.

The Board meets six times a year in communities around the Basin. The public is invited to attend in order to meet the directors and ask questions about the organization's work in the Basin. The next meeting is in Revelstoke on Friday, January 25, 2013, at 4 p.m. at the Hillcrest Hotel (2100 Oak Drive).

For more information about the Board and Board members, and to read highlights and minutes from Board meetings, visit www.cbt.org/board.



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CBT's Board. Back row (left to right): Paul Peterson; Denise Birdstone; Garry Merkel, (retired); Laurie Page, Vice-Chair; Gord DeRosa; David Raven. Seated left (left to right): Cindy Gallinger; Andru McCracken; Am Naqvi; Kim Dean. Seated right (left to right): Greg Deck, Chair; Wendy Booth. Missing: Rick Jensen.

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Grant Writing: Learn How to Move from Idea to Proposal

Friday, January 11, 2013

Grant writing workshops offered by Columbia Basin Trust.

This winter, CBT's community liaisons are hosting Developing and Funding Your Community Project Workshops in eight locations in the region.

"These workshops are ideal for people who would like to learn more about developing a project idea into a funding proposal," said Gary Ockenden, CBT Director, Community Initiatives. "Not only will you come to understand the elements of developing your idea, and tips and tools for preparing an application, you'll also learn about building relationships and securing partnerships in order to increase your chances of success."

You'll cover topics like how to focus your project idea, develop a budget and write clearly. You'll also learn how to identify appropriate funders, and receive an overview of CBT's own granting programs.

If you'd like a workshop scheduled in your community, phone 1.800.505.8998 or email cbt@cbt.org.



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DEVELOPING AND FUNDING YOUR COMMUNITY PROJECT WORKSHOPS

You must register to attend a workshop.

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Thursday, January 24, 2013

7 to 9 p.m.

Golden Seniors Hall

RSVP to 1.250.344.2914 or khamilton@cbt.org

TRAIL

Friday, January 25, 2013

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Selkirk College

RSVP to 1.250.364.5770

INVERMERE

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A light lunch will be served.

Columbia Valley Chamber Lion's Hall

RSVP to 1.250.344.2914 or khamilton@cbt.org

KIMBERLEY

Thursday, January 31, 2013

7 to 9 p.m.

SPARK Lees Youth Centre

RSVP to 1.250.344.2914 or khamilton@cbt.org

FAUQUIER

Thursday, January 31, 2013

7 to 9 p.m.

Fauquier Community Hall

No registration is required.

KASLO

Thursday, February 7, 2013

7 to 9 p.m.

Selkirk College

RSVP to 1.250.353.2618

NAKUSP

Monday, February 18, 2013

7 to 9 p.m.

Selkirk College

RSVP to 1.250.265.4077

NELSON

Friday February 1, 2013

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Selkirk College

RSVP to 1.250.352.6601 or 1.866.301.6601

or

Friday, February 22, 2013

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Selkirk College

RSVP to 1.250.352.6601 or 1.866.301.6601

CASTLEGAR

Friday, February 8, 2013

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Selkirk College

RSVP to 1.250.365.1208 or 1.888.953.1133

or

Friday, March 8, 2013

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Selkirk College

RSVP to 1.250.365.1208 or 1.888.953.1133



New Funds for Youth Engagement Available

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

Communities looking to develop youth engagement strategies are encouraged to apply to a Columbia Basin Trust pilot program called Community Youth Engagement Funds.

Local governments, registered non-profit organizations, school districts and First Nations organizations can apply for up to \$15,000.



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"During our consultations for CBT's Youth Strategic Plan, communities told us they wanted to engage with youth in their communities more effectively," said Sabrina Curtis, Director, Sector Initiatives. "Youth themselves also expressed a desire to be better informed on programs and services designed for them. This program will help by providing funds to develop a relevant and effective youth engagement strategy."

Funding is available to community groups or organizations who have demonstrated that:

- there is appropriate support both from local government and youth-serving organizations;
- a diverse group representing broad community perspectives is engaged, ready to participate and committed to helping implement the strategies developed; and
- youth will be meaningfully consulted and part of the process of helping to develop the strategy or plan.

The deadline for applications is Friday March 8, 2013. Find out more at

www.cbt.org/cyef.



Cranbrook's Elizabeth Lake Conservation Project Receives Facelift

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

One of BC's oldest conservation projects recently received a much-needed facelift. With CBT support, Ducks Unlimited Canada refurbished and rebuilt the aging water control structures on the Elizabeth Lake conservation project near Cranbrook.



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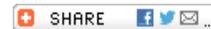
[A new water control system will help maintain the ecological integrity of Elizabeth Lake.](#)

Elizabeth Lake supports a diverse population of waterfowl and other water birds. The area is an important staging, migration and breeding area for mallard, teal, ring-necked duck, lesser scaup, redhead, ruddy duck, goldeneye, bufflehead and Canada goose. The area also supports other wildlife including elk, mule and white-tailed deer, moose, muskrats and a variety of waterbirds and songbirds.

"A new water control system will help maintain the lake's ecological integrity for decades to come," said Rick Allen, CBT Program Manager, Environment. "This benefits not only its wetland and aquatic ecosystems, but also the many people who enjoy the lake and all it has to offer."

Now that the rebuild is complete, the public is welcome and encouraged to continue using the property for recreational purposes like hiking, as well as wildlife and bird watching.

[Read more.](#)



Waneta Expansion Project Accepting Applications for Environmental Conservation and Restoration Projects

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

Partners in the Waneta Expansion Project—Fortis Inc., Columbia Power Corporation and CBT—are accepting applications for this year's Waneta Terrestrial Compensation Program.

This program provides up to \$50,000 annually to projects in the Waneta area that promote conservation and restoration through research, physical works and other on-the-ground or applied projects.



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The application deadline for the Waneta Terrestrial Compensation Program is Jan. 31, 2013.

"The Waneta Expansion Project is focused on a high standard of environmental protection," said Audrey Repin, spokesperson for the project. "The Waneta Terrestrial Compensation Program provides an opportunity for organizations to undertake projects which benefit our natural environment."

Eligible projects include:

- research;
- habitat creation (restoration, rehabilitation);
- habitat protection;
- species inventories;
- educational programs;
- development of management plans;
- weed control; and
- land acquisition.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2013 Waneta Terrestrial Compensation Program. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2013. Visit www.columbiapower.org/wanetaexpansion for an application form and more information. Do you have a great idea but can't meet the 2013 deadline? Don't worry—the project will begin accepting applications for next year's funding on February 1.

The Waneta Expansion Project is currently on schedule and on budget, with \$123 million in local spending to date. Planning is under way for a public community day celebration at the construction site in 2013.

The Waneta Expansion Project is a partnership between Fortis Inc., Columbia Power Corporation and CBT. For more information, visit www.columbiapower.org/wanetaexpansion.



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Regional Workforce Table Established in Kootenays

The Kootenay Regional Workforce Table, a regionally-driven group consisting of key leaders from the region has been established. Its purpose is to develop a Regional Skills Training Plan to address labour shortages and skills gaps.

Table members include industry, employers, First Nations, educators, training service providers, economic development organizations and others from the East and West Kootenay Regions.



Photo: Kootenay Regional Workforce Table Secretariat Manager, Leah Bradish, looks forward to working with diverse Table while exploring ways to fill labour shortages and skills gaps.

The aim of the Workforce Table is to establish how to best align training programs to meet regional needs. The Table will apply the knowledge and expertise of its members as well as input from stakeholder focus group sessions to identify economic development opportunities and to make recommendations on training programs to meet the demand for jobs in the area. Funding is provided through the Canada-British Columbia Labour Market

Development Agreement.

College of the Rockies Director of Continuing Education, Contract Training and Regional Campus Operations, Leah Bradish is supporting the table as Secretariat Manager and East Kootenay Liaison. "We are thrilled to have such a diverse Table with representatives from a wide range of industries, small business, First Nations, and service providers from all parts of the region," she says.

Kootenay Regional Workforce Table Chair, David Ridge of Fairmont Ridge Construction says, "This is a very important initiative for meeting the skilled labour shortages throughout the region over the next 10 or more years. We will be holding focus group sessions in both the East and the West Kootenays to provide an opportunity for industry and community stakeholders to give input on labour force needs, training challenges and projected labour demands specific to the region."

Supported by Columbia Basin Trust, focus groups will be taking place in a variety of East and West Kootenay locations in February and March. These groups will allow business and industries in the Kootenays to voice their concerns about labour force shortages and to provide any input or suggestions they may have. Though locations are not yet confirmed, focus groups will be held in the following sub-regions: (East) Elk Valley, Columbia Valley, Cranbrook/Kimberley, Creston Valley, (West) Boundary/Grand Forks, Trail/Castlegar, Slocan/Nakusp, Kootenay Lake/Nelson.

Chair, David Ridge indicated, "These focus groups will be an important way for us to ensure wide representation across the region and that all industry and community voices are heard. The Table will be facilitating the research, focus groups, and development of the Regional Skills Training Plan."

To learn more about the Kootenay Regional Workforce Table, contact the Secretariat Manager, Leah Bradish at 250-489-8286, or by email lbradish@cotr.bc.ca

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