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Cell Phone Hardware and Service

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Social Enterprises Receive Assistance
Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Five Basin organizations to be supported by Enterprising Non-Profits

Five Columbia Basin non-profit organizations were among the 20 throughout BC that were approved to receive over $96,000 in support from **Enterprising Non-Profits** (enp) in its most recent intake.

Enp is a partnership of funders—including CBT—that promotes and supports social enterprise development and growth as a means to build strong non-profit organizations and healthier communities. Through enp, organizations are able to access technical support in building business ventures that help them further their objectives and be more financially sustainable. Enp achieves this through its granting program, workshops and opportunities like its Social Enterprise Day of Learning Event.

"It has been wonderful having CBT as a funding partner," said David LePage, enp Program Director. "Not only have we been able to increase the strength and vitality of the non-profit sector in the region, we have built strong, lasting relationships with local organizations. The sector learning and development has also been invaluable for enp, as we continue to serve rural regions."

The Basin organizations receiving grants through enp's fall 2012 intake are:

- **Castlegar Hospice Society** (Castlegar): Castlegar Hospice Regional Hospice Facility: A grant to revise and update the existing business plan.
- **Kaslo Jazz Fest Society** (Kaslo): Idea Screening and Feasibility Study for KJES Enterprise: A grant to conduct a feasibility study of three enterprises: events services, fundraising services and summer programming or summer school.
- **Summit Community Services Society** (Cranbrook): Little Summit 24/7 Daycare: A grant to complete a feasibility study for the implementation of a 24/7 daycare program attached to an existing daycare facility and program.
- **Trail and District Arts Council** (Trail): Charles Bailey Business Plan: A grant to create a business plan for expanding the managing and operating of the Charles Bailey Theatre.
- **Wapiti Ski Hill** (Elkford): Wapiti Ski Club: A grant to prepare a business plan for a local community ski hill primarily run and managed by volunteers, which provides first employment for youth.

Another six Basin organizations received grants last spring: Community Futures Revelstoke, Creston Valley Friends of the Community Greenhouse Society, Groundswell Network Society, Kootenay Carshare Cooperative, Nelson CARES Society and Nelson Civic Theatre Society.

"The assistance provided by enp helps strengthen our region's non-profit sector," said Sabrina Curtis, CBT Director, Sector Initiatives. "These organizations are better placed to create both a financial and social return through their work."

The next enp application deadline is May 23, 2013. Non-profits wishing to apply must attend a one-day workshop, which will take place in the Basin in Fort Steele (April 1) and Castlegar (April 22). To find out more, visit **www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca**.

Enp is a partnership of several funders: CBT, the Vancouver Foundation, the Vancity Credit Union, the Vancity Community Foundation, Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust, Northern Interior Development Trust and Capital One. Since 2008, enp has awarded over 20 grants worth over $130,000 to social enterprises and enterprising non-profit organizations in the Basin.

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Arts, Culture and Heritage Grant Applications Available
Tuesday, February 05, 2013

CKCA and CBT announce 2013/14 programs

Artists in all disciplines—as well as arts, culture and heritage organizations—are invited to apply for funding through the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA), which delivers CBT's Arts, Culture and Heritage Program.

"The CKCA is extremely proud to be announcing the 16th year of our existence thanks to Columbia Basin Trust," said Jacquie Hamilton, CKCA Chair. "CBT's ongoing and increasing support for arts and heritage activities throughout the area reaches all aspects of life in the Basin."

For 2013/14, CKCA is receiving $706,000 from CBT. Funding is available for: individuals and groups through community arts councils; minor capital projects; touring; arts and heritage mentoring/master classes; organizational development; major projects; artists in education; major exhibitions; major heritage capital projects; and new heritage projects. Applications are adjudicated once a year by local arts councils and the CKCA Steering Committee.

"There is growing recognition of the importance of creating vibrant communities through arts, culture and heritage activities and facilities," said Gary Ockenden, CBT Director, Community Initiatives. "Not only does this sector enrich our fundamental quality of life, but it also benefits our local economies and our tourism appeal and fosters social well-being of Basin residents."

Find out more and get application forms by visiting **www.basinculture.com**, contacting your local community arts council or phoning CKCA at 250.505.5505 or 1.877.505.7355.

Applications must be received by March 8 or March 22, 2013, depending on the program.

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New Funding Program Aims at Elk Valley Projects

Friday, February 08, 2013

CBT has committed $200,000 per year for the next three years to the Elk Valley Community Directed Funds program to support initiatives that provide socio-economic benefits to the Elk Valley.

One of the first steps is to create a priorities plan, which will identify the valley's priorities and outline criteria to assist in selecting or developing projects.

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The Elk Valley will be receiving $200,000 per year over the next three years to support local projects.
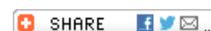
"We've been talking over the years about ways to support communities to make their own decisions about using CBT money to fund the priorities they have set," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "This is a new way to support people across a number of community boundaries to work together to shape their future."

To read more, **click here**.

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Garry Merkel Receives Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal
Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Former CBT Board Chair honoured for contributions to region

Thanks to his significant contributions to the Columbia Basin, Kimberley's Garry Merkel is receiving a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

"Garry is an exceptional visionary with strong leadership qualities," said Greg Deck, CBT Chair. "Through his significant professional accomplishments and extensive volunteer work, he continually gives back and inspires and motivates others. His impacts on CBT and the Basin have been profound."

Merkel was instrumental in the formation of Columbia Basin Trust (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.

"Over the past decade, I have had the pleasure of getting to know Garry Merkel. Garry is first and foremost a gentleman—courteous, thoughtful and respectful. He is also a strong community leader who I have learned from and admire enormously," said Hon. Bill Bennett, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, and MLA for Kootenay East.

Merkel's outstanding achievements extend beyond CBT. His current roles include: Treaty Negotiator and Advisor to the Ktunaxa Nation Council; Board member and past Chair, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology; Chair, Tahltan Nation Development Corporation; Co-Chair, Ministry of Forests Practices Advisory Council; and Board Member, Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation.

He holds a Bachelor of Science, Forestry (with Honours), from the University of Alberta and an Honorary Degree of Arts from the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, and is a registered professional forester. He has managed various local, provincial, national and international projects for government, industry, Aboriginal organizations, schools and communities, and has been involved in creating many corporations, associations, governance structures and foundations.

The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. It is a tangible way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country, plus serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

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🏠 Media Releases

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College of the Rockies & Columbia Basin Trust Host Public Presentation by Climate Change Experts

College of the Rockies, in partnership with Columbia Basin Trust's Communities Adapting to Climate Change Initiative (CACCI) is proud to host a presentation by climate change experts Mel Reasoner and Hans Schreier on Tuesday, February 19 at 7pm. This free event will be held in the Lecture Theatre at College of the Rockies' main campus.

Reasoner and Schreier will share the latest information on climate change, its local impacts and how communities like Cranbrook can adapt. This meets the Communities Adapting to Climate Change Initiative's aim to transform complex climate change science into meaningful and actionable information for Columbia Basin communities.

"Global temperature changes mean we can expect more extreme weather events, receding glaciers and changes to snowpacks, river flows, growing seasons and more," said Reasoner. "This has important implications for Basin communities."

Indeed, communities around the world are recognizing the need to start planning for a future climate that is going to be different than what we've known and experienced in the past. With Reasoner focusing on climate science and impacts, and Schreier sharing leading-edge ideas and practices on how communities can more effectively manage their water resources in the future, the evening will provide a learning opportunity for the citizens, local business and community groups.

For more information about the event or CACCI email: cbtadaptation@gmail.com or phone: 1-800-505-8998.

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Windermere-area Assets to Benefit From Federal Support

Friday, February 08, 2013

The Windermere Community Hall and the nearby trails on Mount Swansea will be upgraded thanks to funding from the federal government's Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund, with additional support from CBT.

With $60,300 in federal funding and $30,000 from CBT, the Windermere Community Association will be improving the hall's energy efficiency, structural integrity and roof venting and rainwater evacuation systems.

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The Windermere Community Hall and trails on Mount Swansea will be upgraded through federal/CBT support.

To upgrade the trails on Mount Swansea, the Columbia Valley Cycling Society will repair erosion, improve access and implement wildlife habitat protection with $57,775 in federal funding, $28,887 from CBT and additional support from other funders.

"It's great to see important community assets being further developed through this program," said Gary Ockenden, CBT Director, Community Initiatives. "This was a unique opportunity for CBT to provide matching grants to help communities leverage federal funding to improve infrastructure in our region."

To read more about the Windermere Community Hall project, **click here**.

To read more about the Mount Swansea project, **click here**.

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Halleran Collection programs ready for viewing

By Glenn Drexhage on February 12, 2013

A fascinating collection of programs that focuses on a range of environmental issues can now be viewed by users around the world.

UBC Library recently digitized the *Westland* series television programs that form part of Halleran Collection, one of the largest private family film collections in Canada. It is is being housed and preserved by the Library thanks to a generous donation from the Halleran Family and the support of community partners including Columbia Basin Trust.

The collection is is an insightful document of rural B.C. that consists of nature-oriented programs produced in British Columbia over recent decades. The *Westland* series was originally broadcast by the Knowledge Network from 1984 to 2007, and examined a broad range of issues associated with forestry, fresh water fishing, endangered species and ecosystem restoration.

UBC Library has digitized 195 programs that were broadcast as part of the *Westland* series – to view the results, please visit UBC Library Digital Collections.

 For more on the Halleran film donation, which also includes about 2,000 videotapes, please visit the February 2012 announcement.

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