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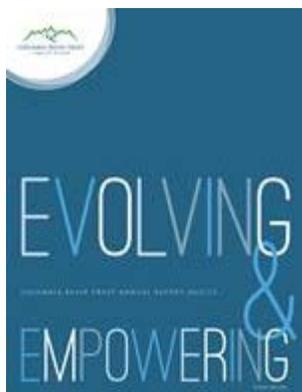
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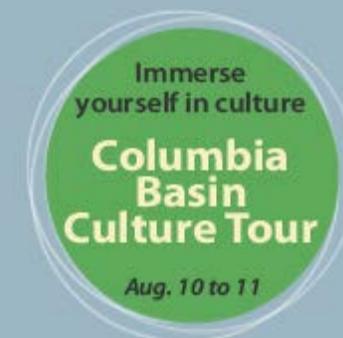
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2013 Columbia Basin Symposium

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The keynote speaker is **Paul Born**, President and Co-founder of **Tamarack: An Institute for Community Engagement**, which helps people collaborate, and achieve collective impact on complex community issues. He is the author of the bestselling **Community Conversations: Mobilizing the Ideas, Skills and Passion of Community Organizations, Governments, Business and People**.

The event will also feature **Ray Bollman** of the Rural Development Institute of Brandon University. Ray is the former Chief of the Rural Research Group of Statistics Canada and a focus of his research interests is the socio-economic aspects of rural populations.

The Symposium is also an opportunity to learn more about the work CBT is doing in the region and to provide input into its current planning initiatives. An evening of cultural entertainment featuring local and Basin talent will be open to the public on Saturday evening.

Symposium registration will open in early September and space is limited, so watch CBT's website for details to come. The Symposium is free of charge.

For highlights of the 2010 Symposium, check out the video below.

Save the Date for the 2013 Columbia Basin Symposium

Monday, July 29, 2013

Community change through collaborative action

Basin residents are invited to connect with each other at the 2013 Columbia Basin Symposium, to be held October 18 to 20 in Creston. This event will focus on "Community Change Through Collaborative Action" and is hosted by Columbia Basin Trust.

"Many of the complex issues facing our communities require collaboration across a broad range of organizations and agencies," said Greg Deck, CBT Board Chair. "The Symposium is an opportunity for Basin residents to network, learn ways to enhance collaborative efforts and mobilize the forces that will create a difference in our region."

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Along with other presenters, the event will also feature **Ray Bollman** of the Rural Development Institute of Brandon University. Ray is the former Chief of the Rural Research Group of Statistics Canada and a focus of his research interests is the socio-economic aspects of rural populations.

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2012/13 Annual Report Released

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Organization focuses on evolving to better empower Basin communities

Learn more about Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) and the activities it supports through its 2012/13 Annual Report. The Annual Report reflects CBT's performance for the year ending March 31, 2013, and details its financial investments, spending, and program and initiative activities.



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The report's theme, Evolving and Empowering, reflects how CBT has recently evolved by placing more resources in the hands of communities, supporting them as they make their own choices on issues that affect their futures and empowering them to see those choices result in positive outcomes. This approach allows CBT to be more strategic in how it supports communities in their efforts to address priorities.

"We've always had programs and initiatives that place decision making in the hands of communities, but have recently been expanding this approach to other areas," said Greg Deck, CBT Board Chair. "We continue to look at implementing this approach wherever it makes sense, and are eager to get more communities on board."

In 2012/13, CBT returned a record \$19.3 million in funding benefits to Basin communities 11.6 per cent higher than in the previous year. Total revenues were \$25.7 million, an increase of \$2.7 million over 2011/12, primarily due to greater revenue from two of CBT's power project facilities.

"Our ability to deliver benefits to the Columbia Basin is attributable to CBT's strong financial position," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "We expect this strength to continue in the coming years."

The Annual Report is posted online at www.cbt.org/annualreport.



Projects Aim to Support Social Well-being

Thursday, July 04, 2013

16 projects receive support from CBT's Social Grants Program

Sixteen projects that support social well-being and address social issues in Basin communities have been approved to receive \$500,000 from CBT.

"These projects tackle diverse social issues and will affect people of many ages across the region," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "They will complement and strengthen the social supports already in place within our communities."

A few of the successful recipients are as follows:

1) The Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy's Kimberley Early Childhood Development Team. Its project involves expanding the Ages and Stages Questionnaire Community Screen, which aims to identify and address the needs of children before school entry.

"We're excited to take the next steps with this project," said Terri Fergus, Chair, Kimberley Early Childhood Development. "It will provide very valuable information about early childhood development needs in Kimberley."

2) The Family Resource Society of Invermere. Its project involves developing an action plan to address opportunities and deficiencies in service delivery for local people with diverse abilities.

"This project will provide us with a stronger and in-depth understanding of the needs of people with diverse abilities in our region," said Pat Comer, Executive Director, Family Resource Society of Invermere. "We look forward to being able to complete this research and develop our community's capacity to provide services to people with diverse abilities."

3) The Canoe Valley Community Association of Valemount. Its project involves supporting a community hub that provides services to families with young children in Valemount.

"This centre provides a fun, free and safe location for parents and children to play, learn and share," said Charlotte Abernathy, President, Canoe Valley Community Association. "The clothing exchange fills an essential need, and offering families a great opportunity to recycle. Book and toy exchanges are favourites with the kids. Family programs, events and workshops, both general interest and Aboriginal, will be offered by the community association, the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy, Child Care Resource and Referral and local volunteers."

4) The Advocacy Centre of the Nelson CARES Society. Its project involves delivering a legal support program aimed at assisting individuals dealing with family law and child protection issues in the West Kootenay region.

"This program will deliver much needed services throughout the West Kootenay to families working through difficult family challenges," said Jenny Robinson, Executive Director, Nelson CARES Society. "We're excited about the potential impacts of this project."

See the full list of projects approved for funding.

The Social Grants Program is a three-year pilot with an annual granting budget of \$1 million. Granting decisions are made by the Social Grants Program Selection Committee, a volunteer group of Basin residents that includes individuals who have experience and expertise in the social sector and individuals who have broader community development experience. For more information, visit www.cbt.org/sgp.



Columbia Garden Village Celebrates Opening of New Residential Beds

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Invermere now has 34 new residential care beds for seniors, located at Columbia Garden Village. These beds, in addition to the 55 existing independent-living and eight assisted-living suites, mean the facility now provides the full continuum of housing options for local seniors.

"We are proud to be part of a project that has such a positive impact on seniors and community development in this region," said Johnny Strilaeff, CBT Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer. "CBT has investments in [eight seniors housing facilities](#) in the Basin and the success of these investments can be attributed to working with such great partners."

CBT partners with Basin-based operator [Golden Life Management](#), as well as other organizations like [Interior Health](#). In addition to Invermere, CBT has invested in facilities in Cranbrook, Creston, Fernie, Kimberley, Trail, Castlegar, Nelson and Fruitvale.

For more information, read the [Interior Health news release](#).



Hosmer Community Centre to Receive Facelift

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The Hosmer Recreation Society will soon be able to begin renovations on its community hall, thanks in part to over \$35,000 in support from CBT.

The hall is a central gathering point for the community and the renovation will help ensure it meets the needs of the community for years to come. Plans include expanding and upgrading the kitchen, renovating the washrooms, upgrading the heating system and insulating the walls.

"This is a valuable public gathering place in Hosmer and it's fulfilling to be able to support the renovations," said Jennifer Krotz, CBT Community Liaison. "CBT supports this project as it is enhancing an important community asset now and into the future."

For more information, read the [original news release](#).



Don't Venture Alone: Meet the Business Sherpa

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

Manufacturing and technology entrepreneurs in the Basin can now benefit from a new website that provides free business coaching, expert mentors, interactive tools and targeted resources.

Located at www.businesssherpa.ca, the Business Sherpa provides a web-based pool of resources for entrepreneurs who are in the concept-development, start-up or growth stages of their ventures in the Basin.

The program is part of CBT's **Manufacturing and Technology Sector** initiative. This two-year initiative supports economic diversification and development in the Basin, with a focus on the manufacturing and technology sectors, and is delivered in partnership with the **Kootenay Association of Science and Technology** and **Kootenay Rockies Innovation Council**.



From School to Hall

Monday, July 15, 2013

It was once a school; now it's a community hall. The Mayook community recently put up a new sign to let people know about its historic schoolhouse, which has been given new life as a hall thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and support from CBT. People in the area are encouraged to take advantage of the updated space, which is available for rent for events of all types.



Diverse Range of Projects to Benefit Basin Youth

Monday, July 08, 2013

16 projects receive support from CBT's Youth Grants Program

A range of projects including those that support youth engagement, leadership, employment and entrepreneurship were recently approved to receive funding through CBT's Youth Grants Program (YGP). Sixteen projects in total will receive over \$92,000 to benefit youth around the Basin.

"Our Youth Grants Program has supported a variety of youth projects throughout the Basin region over the last eight years," said Sabrina Curtis, CBT Director, Sector Initiatives. "A number of exciting projects will help build youth leadership while increasing youth engagement and opportunities in Basin communities."

The Kaslo and District Public Library Association is one of the groups receiving funds through YGP for their Youth Programs at the Library project. With the funds the library will coordinate six programs selected by youth which aim to engage and support youth in using the library.

"We're really excited about offering diverse youth programming at the library," said Annie Reynolds, Library Services Coordinator. "The project will engage Kaslo area youth with meaningful and interesting programming and workshops including crafting, computer programming, and film making and animation as well as a youth book club. The funds will also assist the library in offering a supportive environment to youth."

The Creston Teen Coffeehouse project will also provide a space for teens to showcase their creativity while they learn valuable skills through assisting in the operations of the coffeehouse—skills that will be transferable to the workplace. Teens will be responsible to develop the coffee house business plan, organize entertainment and work a rotating schedule with anyone wishing to learn barista, server, sound equipment technical skills, entrepreneurship, promotion and business management.

"We have talked about music jams, craft sales, art displays and we are confident the teens will find many more exciting subjects to consider," said Lendina Bambrick, Executive Director of Kootenai Community Centre.

St. Mary's Indian Band will use YGP funds to host a Youth Campout to engage youth in Ktunaxa knowledge and traditions while experiencing positive and healthy recreational activities.

"The three-day Ka Knithwitik Youth Campout will combine fun with learning," said Johanne Allard, St. Mary's Indian Band Social Development Worker. "During the campout, youth will create relationships and the opportunity for support while gaining a greater understanding of traditional Ktunaxa knowledge."

YGP funds up to \$15,000 per project that directly benefit Basin youth aged 12 to 29. A range of organizations, school districts, First Nations organizations and local governments—plus youth aged 15 to 29 with a sponsoring organization—can apply.

CBT's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), made up of 12 youth age 15 to 29, adjudicate the YGP applications.

The next intake will take place in fall 2013. For more information, visit www.cbt.org/ygp.



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