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## Help Conserve and Enhance Fish and Wildlife in the East Kootenay-Koocanusa Region

Friday, November 22, 2013

To help conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in the East Kootenay-Koocanusa region, work is getting under way to develop a Watershed Action Plan, and you're invited to join the discussion.

When complete in 2014, the plan will incorporate community- and science-based goals, objectives and actions that aim to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in the East Kootenay and Koocanusa area, including the upper Kootenay River watershed, associated tributaries and Koocanusa Reservoir. The plan will outline specific actions to support and enhance lakes, streams, riparian areas, wetlands and upland and dryland areas, as well as species of interest.

This is the first task for the recently announced East Kootenay-Koocanusa Fish and Wildlife Program, a partnership between CBT and the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP).

"Area residents have been asking for this type of action plan to address their concerns, and it's great news that it's getting under way and residents have a chance to be part of the discussion," said Dave White, FWCP-Columbia Board member representing the East Kootenay, adding that while the region is impacted, among other things, by hydro operations at Libby Dam in Montana, the program will take a broad watershed-based approach.

Provide your input and ideas at an upcoming free workshop (no registration required) or by completing an online feedback form. Learn more and comment at [www.cbt.org/ekkfwp](http://www.cbt.org/ekkfwp). Provide your input by January 6, 2014.

- **Fernie: Monday, December 9**, Stanford Fernie Resort, 100 Riverside Way  
*AFTERNOON:* Drop-in open house: 2 p.m. – 2:30 pm; Community workshop: 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

- *EVENING:* Drop-in open house: 6:30 – 7 p.m.; Community workshop: 7 – 9 p.m.

- **Cranbrook: Tuesday, December 10**, Prestige Rocky Mountain Resort, 209 Van Horne Street South

- *AFTERNOON:* Drop-in open house: 2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; Community workshop: 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

- *EVENING:* Drop-in open house: 6:30 – 7 p.m.; Community workshop: 7 – 9 p.m.

"The environmental health of this region is important to residents," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "CBT provided \$3 million in one-time funding to initiate this important work; now it's time for the community at large to have its say and become involved."

Residents will have more opportunities to provide input at a later date, and the draft watershed action plan will be available for public review in late winter 2014.

The **Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program** is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of British Columbia, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations and local communities to conserve and enhance fish, wildlife and their supporting habitats affected by the creation of BC Hydro-owned and -operated generation facilities in the Coastal, Columbia and Peace regions of British Columbia. More than \$110 million has been invested in more than 1,500 projects since 1988.

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## Grants Available for Projects That Support Social Well-being

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

### *January 9 deadline for CBT's Social Grants Program*

Groups with projects that support social well-being and address social issues in Basin communities are invited to apply to CBT's **Social Grants Program**. The deadline is January 9, 2014.

After considering input from socially focused groups, CBT has adjusted this third intake of the three-year pilot program in two key ways: 1) the program will now have one intake per year (with \$1 million in funding available) and 2) there will be increased support available to applicants in developing projects and moving through the application process.

"We received feedback that applicants would like more support and guidance, which we're pleased we can now provide," said Sabrina Curtis, CBT Director, Sector Initiatives. "Plus a larger volume of funds available in a single intake will help ensure that more applicants with strong projects that are ready to move forward will receive funding when they need it."

CBT is committing increased resources to help applicants determine which projects are eligible for the program, discuss projects with them and guide them through the application process. The January 9 deadline means groups have over two months to work with CBT to prepare their applications. Groups interested in applying should contact CBT to access support from a Social Grants Program advisor.

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 about the program, and to download guidelines and the application form, visit [www.cbt.org/sgp](http://www.cbt.org/sgp).



## Canada's Newest All Wheel Park Reaches Completion

Friday, November 15, 2013

Following a dozen years of community and volunteer effort, the City of Nelson is celebrating the completion of Canada's newest All Wheel Park for skateboarders and bike riders.

"It's pretty indescribable," says 16-year-old LV Rogers student Jack McKay, who visited the extraordinary new facility last week along with two dozen members of the Kootenay Lake Outdoor Skatepark Society (KLOSPS), City Council members and City staff who took part in a commemorative group photo shoot marking the park's completion.

"It's unbelievable," echoed Nelson mayor John Dooley. "This is a project that has taken over 10 years of volunteering, fundraising and incredible dedication by so many of Nelson's residents and businesses," says the mayor. "Our thanks and pride go out to everyone who stuck with the vision and made this incredible recreation amenity a reality."

Located on a 1.3-acre parcel in Rosemont, in Art Gibbon Park, the new venue is complimented by an incredible 26,000 square-foot mountain bike and BMX all-wheel park, improved pathways and an all-Natural Building washroom. Combined with Nelson's world class mountain biking, the skate park and all wheel park puts Nelson in a class of its own, making the city an unrivaled destination for riders of all interests, ages and abilities.

Mayor Dooley was quick to thank the Province of BC for its \$400,000 Community Recreation Grant, and the Columbia Basin Trust for an additional \$50,000.

The skate park also benefited from the support of a long list of cash and in-kind donators, including the Nelson Daybreak Rotary Club, Selkirk College, the Martin Hotel Group, the Nelson and District Credit Union, Shambhala Music Festival, DDC Excavating, Home Hardware, Maglios, Nelson Ready Mix, and the Nelson Lions Club.

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## Expansion on the Horizon

Friday, November 08, 2013

Taghum Stop is a gas bar, convenience store and liquor agency that serves the people who live near and travel the highway west of Nelson. In operation since the mid-1950s, the stop has been owned by three brothers since 1996—brothers who have visions of redeveloping to better serve their customers.

In order to expand, the business needed to remove its underground storage tanks—no longer required thanks to a newer above-ground system—and perform an environmental assessment. To do so, it turned to CBT for financing.

"With these done, we're now in a position to proceed with our plans for redeveloping the site sooner rather than later," said Cam Robertson, President. "Working with CBT has been an exciting experience; we not only found someone to invest in our business, we found someone who wants to invest in us and our vision."

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## Festival Rocks Fernie

Thursday, November 21, 2013

For three years, the Wapiti Music Festival has been drawing people to Fernie to experience a summer weekend of all-indie, all-Canadian, all-ages music. Thanks to the support of sponsors like CBT, the 2013 festival was the best yet, with over 2,000 people passing through the gates. Of those, about 1,000 came from outside the Elk Valley area.

"Without the support we receive from local businesses and the community, there would be no festival," said Kevin McIsaac, Festival Director. "Thanks to CBT's Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs, this past year we were able to expand our marketing and our festival infrastructure, allowing us to bring more people to the festival."

"The wide reach of this event shows its appeal and importance to local businesses, tourism and the economy," said Jennifer Krotz, CBT Community Liaison. "We look forward to this continuing to be a great family event into the future."

To learn more about the festival, visit [www.wapitimusicfestival.com](http://www.wapitimusicfestival.com).



## Tracing the Path of Water

Thursday, November 21, 2013

*Trafalgar Middle School students take part in CBT's Know Your Watershed program*

Students from Trafalgar Middle School's six grade eight science classes travelled around the city and area to learn first-hand where their water comes from, where it goes after it's used and how important it is to look after water and keep watersheds healthy.

Students tested water quality in Anderson Creek and toured the Mountain Station reservoir and the waste water treatment plant at Grohman Narrows.

The field trips were part of Know Your Watershed, a water stewardship program developed by Columbia Basin Trust and local environmental educators. To learn more, visit [www.cbt.org/waterstewardship](http://www.cbt.org/waterstewardship).

