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Thursday, May 29, 2014

*Columbia Basin Trust commits \$275,000 over three years to Invest Kootenay*

A regional partnership that focuses on developing tools to attract and retain investment in Basin communities will receive a funding boost over the next two years.

With a commitment of \$275,000 from Columbia Basin Trust, Invest Kootenay will continue to help member communities attract, retain and expand the level of investment in their communities, as an economic sustainability and development tool in the region.

Invest Kootenay is a partnership between local governments, economic development organizations and chambers of commerce. Current member communities include Castlegar, East Shore Kootenay Lake (RDCK Area A), Fernie, Lower Columbia (Trail, Rossland, Warfield, Montrose, Fruitvale, and RDCK Areas A & B) Kimberley, Nelson and RDCK Areas E & F, Revelstoke and CSRD Area B, Sparwood and Columbia Valley (Radium Hot Springs, Invermere, Canal Flats and RDEK Areas F & G).

"The contribution from the Trust makes it possible for Invest Kootenay to expand the presence of the Kootenays on the investment stage," said Garry Jackman, Invest Kootenay Co-Chair. "Invest Kootenay gives our local business owners a significant platform that enables investors from near and far to see what the Kootenays have to offer."

"One of the guiding principles within our Economic Strategic Plan is collaboration," said Neil Muth, Trust President and CEO. "The Invest Kootenay partnership is a great example of regional collaboration, in which the partners are working to create opportunities and further economic development in the Columbia Basin."

To learn more about Invest Kootenay, visit [investkootenay.com](http://investkootenay.com).



## We Want Your Input on Plans to Conserve Local Fish and Wildlife

Friday, May 23, 2014

*Draft Watershed Action Plan Ready for Public Review Now*

A draft plan that identifies actions to help conserve and enhance fish and wildlife in the upper Kootenay River, including Koochanusa Reservoir, is ready for final public review. The Watershed Action Plan will guide fish and wildlife projects delivered through the **East Kootenay**



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**Koochanusa Fish and Wildlife Program**. The deadline for public input on the draft is June 12, 2014.

Groups and individuals interested in local fish and wildlife are encouraged to review the draft plan on the Trust website at [www.cbt.org/ekkwfp](http://www.cbt.org/ekkwfp) and provide comments in a variety of ways, including:

-Submit written comments to [ekkwfp@vastresources.com](mailto:ekkwfp@vastresources.com)

-Attend a free open house/presentation in Cranbrook on Tuesday, June 3 at the Cranbrook Public Library - Manual Training School Conference Centre, 1212 2nd St. North

-Open House: 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm; Presentation: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

-Participate in an on online discussion from 7:30 - 8:30 on June 3

-You must pre-register at [www.cbt.org/ekkwfp](http://www.cbt.org/ekkwfp) by June 2 to join the evening presentation online.

"When final we hope that stakeholders and community groups will apply for funding and help deliver some of the projects recommended in the final plan," says Dave White, Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program-Columbia Board member, representing the East Kootenay.

"The Watershed Action Plan will help determine the projects and research that receive funding from the East Kootenay Koochanusa Fish and Wildlife Program. I encourage everyone with an interest in protecting and supporting our local fish and wildlife to review the draft plan and participate in the consultations," says the Honourable Bill Bennett, speaking as MLA for Kootenay East.

This plan is the first step in implementing the East Kootenay Koochanusa Fish and Wildlife Program jointly announced in spring 2013 by the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program and Columbia Basin Trust. The program is in response to long-standing public requests to address fish and wildlife issues in the Upper Kootenay River area, including the Koochanusa Reservoir from Canal Flats in the north to the border, and east to the Elk Valley.

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## New Columbia Valley Tourism Initiative Approved for Funding

Tuesday, June 03, 2014

A project to develop a new tourism strategy for the Columbia Valley has been approved to receive over \$100,000 over three years. The money comes through the Columbia Valley Community Directed Funds (CVCDF) Program, which is supported by the Trust.

The funding will help the Columbia Cultural Tourism Association hire a coordinator to create a cultural tourism strategy for the valley.

"The Columbia Cultural Tourism Association is taking the lead on developing a valley-wide identity for tourism in the region. This objective fits perfectly with the Columbia Valley Community Priorities Plan and the CVCDF Committee's desire to promote the unique identity and exceptional amenities of the area through coordinated marketing and branding efforts," said Wendy Booth, CVCDF Committee Chair. "This should also help support our other goals of expanding the arts and culture sector and addressing shoulder season impacts on the valley's economy."

The CVCDF Program is supported by the Trust's Community Directed Funds program, in which groups of communities that form an area receive funding and support from the Trust as they make their own choices on issues that affect their futures.

To read the full news release, [click here](#).

