



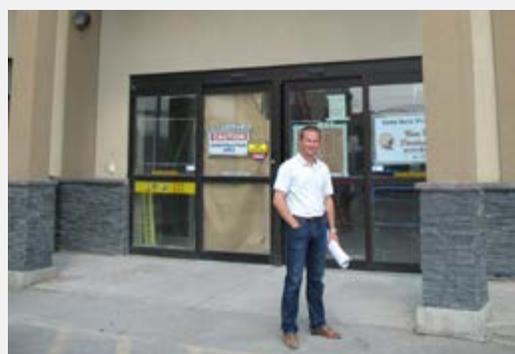
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Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Sponsored by the Trust, a dozen Basin residents attended the **2014 Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference**, which took place September 25 to 27, 2014, in Prince George.

Under the theme "New Realities, New Relationships," the conference focused on the topics of:

- restructuring rural relationships
- building capacity for organizations and governance
- building economic resilience
- pursuing a high quality of life for rural communities.

"The suite of new knowledge I attained is already being put to use," said participant Rebecca McDonnell of Castlegar. "I find myself viewing and framing things through a slightly altered lens, even in the smallest of contexts. I look forward to sharing some of my new knowledge and experiences with my colleagues and community here in Castlegar."

Deb Borsos of Argenta also attended. "The 'value added' portion of this were the connections that those of us who were chosen to attend from this area experienced in connecting and discussing local issues and initiatives. Moving forward, we each now have a greater pool to draw from in terms of 'local human social capital,' as well as new friends and acquaintances from around the Basin. Ideas for regional initiatives are certainly now more of a possibility, in my mind, because of it."



Coordinator Ready to Deliver Youth Entrepreneurship Programs to Basin Students

Monday, September 29, 2014

Currently Seeking Volunteers

Starting this fall, students around the Basin will be benefiting from youth entrepreneurship programs and financial literacy within their classrooms. The programs are run by Junior Achievement of British Columbia (JABC), which is pleased to welcome Amy Robillard as Program Coordinator in the Basin.

In order to deliver these programs, JABC is seeking volunteers from the Basin community to visit classrooms and deliver programs on work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy to students in grades 5 to 12. Programs are delivered at the invitation of host teachers and are facilitated by local business people who bring their experience and expertise into the classroom. Volunteers may be entrepreneurs or anyone working in or studying business or finance, and they will receive training and all materials required to deliver a lesson. JABC is able to offer these programs at no charge to schools across the province because of the commitment of volunteers and generous donations from JABC's supporters.

"JABC has seen success in merging community business volunteers with students. I am honoured to be a part of this wonderful organization and look forward to bringing together the Basin's talented volunteers with our area's students," said Robillard. "With the help of our business community, JABC programs will bring invaluable outcomes that will shape our leaders of tomorrow."

Robillard believes access and opportunities for youth are vital to a community. As a former local entrepreneur and owner of Little Miss Gelato, she has delivered workshops and worked closely with businesses in the region.

JABC's expansion into the Basin was made possible this year thanks to a three-year partnership with Columbia Basin Trust. The Trust supports efforts to deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to Basin residents.

"We encourage individuals in the local business and finance community to volunteer; it is a great opportunity to inspire young people in our region to discover the world of business," said Lisa Kilpatrick, Columbia Basin Trust Senior Manager, Sector Initiatives.

Anyone looking for more information on volunteer opportunities should visit jabc-community.org or contact Amy Robillard at amy.robillard@jabc.org or 250.777.2011.

Programs book quickly and interested volunteers should reserve their spots soon for upcoming fall and winter deliveries.



Cranbrook Health Hub

Thursday, September 25, 2014

Cranbrook residents are able to access medical services under one roof now that the Trust has helped Baker Street Professional Centre Ltd. purchase and renovate the under-utilized Baker Street Mall through our **Investment Program**.

The 55,000-square-foot building has been transformed into a one-stop facility. Here, patients can easily access physicians and other health-care providers and support services, including physiotherapists and a pharmacy.

Close to downtown, the hospital and the Kootenay Child Development Centre, the centre provides easy access to anyone seeking medical care.

"The Baker Street Professional Centre is bringing life back to the former Baker Street Mall and will hopefully assist in stimulating the traffic and economy in the downtown core," said Chad Jensen, President, Baker Street Professional Centre Ltd.

The Trust's Investment Program prudently invests the \$321-million endowment it received from the provincial government in 1995 in order to deliver long-term benefits to the residents of the Basin. The program currently invests in power projects, Basin-based businesses, real estate and market securities. These investments generate a predictable, sustainable and appreciating income stream to fund current and future Delivery of Benefits activities and cover corporate operating expenses. In addition to providing financial benefits, many of our investments promote social, economic and environmental well-being.

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