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Cranbrook office

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Improving the Places That Keep Our Residents Moving

Monday, January 18, 2016

Columbia Basin Trust announces \$9M in new grants for recreation infrastructure

Columbia Basin Trust is pleased to announce a new granting program that will provide financial help to groups and organizations wishing to construct new recreation infrastructure or upgrade existing infrastructure. Recreation Infrastructure Grants will offer \$3 million per year over the next three years.

The grants will help fund improvements to structures and spaces like backcountry trail networks, swimming pools, ice rinks, curling arenas, sports fields and parks--encouraging Basin residents to live more active, healthy lifestyles and supporting recreation tourism in the region. Groups can receive up to 70 per cent of project costs, to a maximum of \$500,000.

"Residents have told us that recreation and physical activity are important to them both in terms of lifestyle and health," said Neil Muth, Columbia Basin Trust President and Chief Executive Officer. "We're pleased we can quickly address their needs and wishes by acting on this priority. Substantial support like this will help create significant benefits in communities."

While the Trust has always supported these kinds of projects, the new grants will allow it to do so on a larger scale in a relatively short time period. The program is the result of considerable public consultation, during which the Trust learned about the importance of recreation and physical activity and committed to increase opportunities in this area. Read more about this priority and others in the Trust's Columbia Basin Management Plan at cbt.org/cbmp.

To apply, proponents should contact Rick Allen, Manager, Special Initiatives, to discuss their project: 1.800.505.8998 or grants@cbt.org. If eligible, proponents will then be emailed an application form. To be considered for the first intake, application forms must be submitted by March 14, 2016. There will be another intake in July 2016. Learn more at cbt.org/recreationgrantsapply.

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Communities Get More Funds For Popular Granting Programs

Friday, January 08, 2016

Columbia Basin Trust commits 15 per cent increase to support local projects

Community projects will be getting access to more funds this spring through Columbia Basin Trust's popular Community Initiatives and Affected Areas programs. The Trust announced a 15 per cent increase from \$3.6 million per year throughout the Basin, to over \$4.2 million per year for each of the next five years.

"We are pleased to continue our long-standing partnership with local governments and First Nations to identify local priorities and deliver benefits to Basin communities," said Neil Muth, President and CEO. "The ultimate goal is to support the projects that are important to residents, and we know this increase will help communities do more."

Started in 1998, these programs are the Trust's longest running granting programs designed to help address the needs of Basin communities. The Trust distributes funds to local government and First Nation partners once a year, and communities then use various methods--from local council decisions to votes from residents--to decide which projects will receive grants.

"We are very pleased that CBT has decided to increase the funding for this program," said Revelstoke Mayor Mark McKee. "Over the past 18 years, the program has provided significant support for many community projects that could not have proceeded without the funds provided by the Trust, and these projects have really benefited our residents and improved their quality of life in many ways."

"From Better Babies to seniors programs, educational initiatives, environmental projects and community hall renovations, the Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs have provided critical support to a broad range of projects that have directly benefited the residents in our communities," says RDEK Board Chair Rob Gay. "Every year we are over-subscribed, and the increase in funding is fantastic news as it will allow even more people to benefit from these valuable programs."

The new five-year commitment totals over \$21 million and extends to 2021.

To learn more about the programs and view upcoming deadlines visit cbt.org/cipaap.

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New Board Chair to Guide the Trust

Thursday, December 17, 2015

Rick Jensen steps in as Greg Deck retires

Columbia Basin Trust announces several updates to its Board of Directors, including the appointment of Rick Jensen as Chair and the retirement of current Chair Greg Deck.

From Cranbrook, Jensen is replacing Deck as Chair as of January 1, 2016. He joined the Trust Board in 2013 and served as Vice-Chair in 2015. He is the Chair of New Dawn Developments, a director of New Dawn Restorations, President of the Canadian Institute of Excellence and a director of Columbia Power Corporation. He has also served as President and CEO of Panorama Mountain Village.

The Trust also thanks and extends its best wishes to Greg Deck, who is now retiring. From Radium Hot Springs, Deck has been on the Board since the Trust's inception in 1995, serving as Vice-Chair from 2008 to 2012 and Chair from 2013 to 2015.

"On behalf of the Trust's Board and staff, I would like to thank Greg Deck for his contributions to the formation and growth of the Trust," said Jensen. "For over 20 years, he has been an instrumental part of this organization and has dedicated his efforts to the well-being of our region and its residents."

Nakusp's Laurie Page, who joined the Board in January 2012, is being reappointed until December 2018 and is taking over as Vice-Chair. She also served as Vice-Chair from 2013 to 2014.

"The Trust has achieved remarkable success, and I'm confident Rick Jensen, Laurie Page and the rest of the Board will carry this success forward," said Deck. "This is a solid team committed to an extraordinary organization that will continue to serve the Basin well."

The Trust also wishes the best to Kim Deane of Roseland. He has been on the Board since 2009, and is retiring as of the end of 2015.

Two new members are joining the Board for one-year terms, expiring December 2016. Michael Delich joins the Board from Fernie, where he is an active entrepreneur, community leader and sport leader. Rhonda Ruston joins the Board from Kaslo, where she is a lawyer and has served on the boards of the Kaslo InfoNet Society and Kaslo Institute.

Nelson's Am Naqvi is being reappointed to the Board until December 2018. Other Board members include Larry Binks (Creston), Wendy Booth (Fairmont Hot Springs), Gord DeRosa (Trail), John Dooley (Nelson), Loni Parker (Revelstoke), Vickie Thomas (?aq'am) and Jeannette Townsend (Valemount).

"I'd like to thank Greg Deck for his years of dedicated service and leadership as chair of the Trust, and for all the help, sound guidance and advice he has shared with me personally as a resident of the Columbia Basin and in my work as an MLA and minister," said Minister of Energy and Mines Bill Bennett. "I'd also like to welcome Rick Jensen and Laurie Page to their new roles. I look forward to working with them and the rest of the Board as they continue to invest and deliver benefits to the Basin, improving lives, communities and the environment."

The Trust's 12-member Board consists of individuals appointed by the provincial government: six from the five regional districts and the Ktunaxa Nation Council, and six others. All directors must live in the Basin.

The Board meets five times a year in communities around the Basin. The public is invited to attend in order to meet the directors and ask questions about the organization's work in the Basin. The next meeting is in Nelson on Friday, February 12, 2016.

For more information about the Board, and to read highlights and minutes from Board meetings, visit cbt.org/board.

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Youth Community Service Awards

The Youth Community Service Awards provide up to 45 awards valued at \$2,000 each. This award is based on volunteer service and is adjudicated by committees at the school level. Communities with a graduating class of fewer than 25 students receive one award; those with up to 75 students receive two awards; and those with more than 75 students receive three awards.

Who Can Apply:

Basin students who will graduate from a Basin high school, alternate school or other institution that grants Ministry of Education-recognized graduation diplomas.

How To Apply:

Download the program [guidelines and application form](#).

Deadline For Applications: Spring 2016. Check with your local secondary school.

CONTACTS:

- Local senior secondary school

