



Join Us in Kaslo for a Free Community BBQ this Friday!

Friday, September 23 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Kaslo.

Learn more about the activities of Columbia Basin Trust and connect with staff and board members at a free barbecue dinner.

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Events and Deadlines

September 23

Kaslo from 4:00 t 6:00 p.m.

Trust Board of Directors Annual General Meeting

September 23

Kaslo from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Free Community BBQ

Deadline: September 27

Basin-wide

Social Grants Application

September 27 to December 6

Various locations around the Basin

Me Inc. Workshops

September 29

Cranbrook

New Societies Act Workshop: The Overview

Deadline: September 30

Basin-wide

Environment Grants Application

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Social and Environment Grants: Apply Now!

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Eleven Workshops to be Held Around the Basin

Have you ever wondered about becoming an entrepreneur? The free Me Inc. workshop is designed to answer your questions.

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Join the Trust for its AGM and Community BBQ

News: September 11, 2016

VENUE CHANGE ~ Now in the Lighthouse Room at JV Humphries School

Learn more about the activities of Columbia Basin Trust at its Annual General Meeting and connect with staff and board members at a free barbecue dinner on Friday, September 23, 2016.

“We look forward to seeing Kaslo and area residents at our annual community barbecue,” said Rhonda Ruston, Board member, Columbia Basin Trust. “The whole family is welcome to join us for dinner, meet our staff and board, and learn more about what’s been accomplished over the last year.”



Attend the Annual General Meeting

4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Kaslo Hotel

The meeting will focus on the presentation of the Trust’s 2015/16 Annual Service Plan Report and is an opportunity to ask questions and meet the Trust’s Board of Directors. Copies of the report will be available at the meeting, or the report can be viewed online [here](#).

Join us for a Free Barbecue Dinner

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Lighthouse Room at JV Humphries School.

Bring your family out for a free community barbecue and enjoy live music by Certified Mango.



FWCP is Now Accepting Grant Applications for Fish & Wildlife Projects

News: September 19, 2016

The Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) is now accepting fish and wildlife grant applications for the coming year. Stewardship groups, First Nations, consultants, agencies or individuals are invited to apply for a grant to help conserve, restore and enhance fish and wildlife in the Columbia Region. In the East Kootenay, through a partnership with Columbia Basin Trust (the Trust), the FWCP has funds available to deliver projects under the [Upper Kootenay Ecosystem Enhancement Plan \(UKEEP\)](#).

Thanks to UKEEP, the FWCP is currently funding 14 fish and wildlife projects, for a total investment of more than \$725,000 within the Upper Kootenay River watershed, including Kooacanusa Reservoir. This is the second year that projects have been delivered through UKEEP, and the species benefitting from this work include: Westslope Cutthroat, Bull, and Rainbow, Trout; Mule and White-tailed Deer; Wolverine; Bighorn Sheep; Lewis's Woodpecker; and many other grassland birds.

Examples of UKEEP projects currently being supported this year include:

- Bull Trout inventory and recovery in Wildhorse River;
- assessing Wolverine abundance and harvest sustainability;
- Alexander Creek habitat restoration and enhancement;
- identification of key habitats for Long-billed Curlews; and
- 144-hectare open grassland habitat restoration near Newgate to help ungulates.

“Last year, UKEEP funds supported a variety of projects in the East Kootenay,” says FWCP Columbia Region Manager, Crystal Klym. “Fish barriers were removed on Wickman Creek to improve fish passage for resident Westslope Cutthroat Trout. Grasslands near Elko were restored to improve ungulate habitat, and invasive plants were treated on 22 different conservation properties.”

“We’re excited to be launching the third intake of this program,” says Rick Allen, Columbia Basin Trust Manager, Special Initiatives. “These projects help strengthen our natural environment, and we thank everyone who has committed themselves to conserving and restoring fish and wildlife habitat in this area. We look forward to seeing what new, innovative and impactful projects come forward.”

The FWCP administers UKEEP projects through a funding partnership with the Trust, which provided \$3 million over three to five years.

“Working with the Trust, we anticipate building a solid foundation of effective and results-based projects under UKEEP that guide conservation efforts in this watershed,” added Klym. 2

FWCP is a partnership between BC Hydro, the Province of B.C., Fisheries and Oceans Canada, First Nations and Public Stakeholders, to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife impacted by BC Hydro dams.

To see the full list of projects supported under UKEEP for 2016-17, and to access the Grant Application Information Kit for 2017-18 projects, visit fwcp.ca. The deadline for the online application is **October 28, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. PT/ 6:00 p.m MT.**



Basin Recreation Infrastructure Enhanced

News: September 2, 2016

20 projects receive \$1 million

Twenty recreation projects encouraging active lifestyles are getting under way thanks to help from the Trust's Recreation Infrastructure Grants program. New this year, the program supports community efforts to create new or upgrade existing recreation spaces in the Basin.



The successful projects will receive more than \$1 million in this second intake, bringing the total number of projects funded since the program launched earlier this year to 62. The program has distributed more than \$4.5 million to recreation-focused projects over the two intakes. A third intake will take place in early 2017.

“Basin residents told us there was a need for a program like this, so it’s great to see such a positive response,” said Neil Muth, President and Chief Executive Officer, Columbia Basin Trust. “These 62 projects will help build stronger, more resilient and more enjoyable communities, and give residents the amenities they need to lead active, healthy lifestyles.”

You don’t have to look far to find world-class recreation opportunities in the Basin, and these successful applicants are making great strides to take advantage of these opportunities. With Trust support, 145 kilometres of trail are being built on 24 trails, eight fields and parks are receiving upgrades, six indoor facilities like arenas, gymnasiums and climbing walls are seeing upgrades and 24 outdoor facilities are being improved.

Read about all the projects from the spring and summer intakes at ourtrust.org/rig.

They’ll Be Swinging

Children and youth in Silverton will be safely swinging, hopping and climbing thanks to \$85,000 going toward a playground capital improvement project. The project will see an

expansion of the park and the addition of six new playground elements. “Supporting young families in the community is important to Silverton council,” said Jason Clarke, Mayor of Silverton. “Now, thanks largely to Columbia Basin Trust, we are able to overhaul our playground, creating a fun, safe environment that is accessible to all.”



A Trail of Two Cities

Visitors and residents will be taking in views of the Columbia Valley and Lake Windermere as they bike, walk, inline skate and more along the Westside Legacy Trail. The Columbia Valley Greenways Trail Alliance received \$250,000 for the trail and will build

the initial 2.7-kilometre section of the 25-kilometre trail that connects Invermere and Fairmont Hot Springs. “The Columbia Valley Greenways Trail Alliance is very pleased to receive our largest donation to date from Columbia Basin Trust for the Westside Legacy Trail project,” said Mark Halwa, Executive Director of Greenways. The trail will be human-powered, added Halwa, and will provide an accessible and safe off-highway trail experience for all users.



Game, Set, Match!

The Yahk Kingsgate Recreation Society was successful in receiving \$43,570 to put toward the construction of a new multi-purpose court. The court will serve a variety of athletic pursuits year-round. “We feel it is important to enhance the facilities at our community hall to

continue encouraging physical activities within our community,” said Judy Dickson, President of the Yahk Kingsgate Recreation Society. “When the project is completed, residents will be able to play a variety of sports in one place: basketball, tennis, volleyball, pickleball, badminton and shuffleboard in the summer, and ice skating and hockey in the winter.”



More Space to Play

The East Shore Trail and Bike Association received \$6,250 to further advance the trail system near Crawford Bay. “The Fraser Hill Viewpoint Trail provides an easier option to the more difficult Woodlot Trail,” said Farley Cursons, Projects Director of the East Shore

Trail and Bike Association. “Due to seasonal water drainage, the challenging Woodlot Trail is exposing gnarly roots and boulders. The result of the new Viewpoint Trail will be a safer, more sustainable route enabling a wider variety of users to enjoy the whole trail network.”

RIG by the Numbers

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