



## Colonel Chris Hadfield Keynote for Columbia Basin Symposium

Canadian astronaut Col. Chris Hadfield thrives in change. He became an astronaut in 1992 and went on to become the first Canadian to walk in space, operate the Canadarm in orbit and command the International Space Station. He has since become a bestselling author and sought-after public speaker, sharing his experiences about managing complexity and change.

Which makes him a perfect fit to be the keynote speaker for the Columbia Basin Symposium *SHIFT! Thriving in Change* taking place in Kimberley, October 13 to 15, 2017. The Symposium will focus on three global trends: shifting demographics in our communities, rapidly evolving technology and the changing climate. [Register Now](#)



## SAR Teams

## Energy Retrofit Grants Now Available

Grants available for non-profit organizations operating affordable housing units in the Basin to perform energy assessments and energy conservation upgrades...[full story](#)

## Acquire New Equipment

Search and Rescue teams in Fernie, Golden & Nelson have partnered to purchase crucial equipment to perform helicopter rescues ...[full story](#)

## Events and Deadlines

### Deadline: Various Dates

Basin-Wide

*Basin Business Advisors: Me Inc., Social Enterprise and Succession Planning Workshops*

### June 8

Trail

*Societies Act Transition Workshop*

### Deadline: June 30

*Call for Displays: SHIFT! Showcase Submission*

### Deadline: June 30

*Energy Retrofit Grants*

### July 21

Creston

*Board of Directors Meeting*

### October 13-15

Kimberley

*Columbia Basin Symposium*

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## Call for displays at Columbia Basin Symposium

Submit your ideas by June 30

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## School Works Takes Students to New Heights

Student wage subsidy programs offer Basin students a chance to work part-time throughout the school year at a small business that may otherwise be short staffed ....[full story](#)

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# Energy Retrofit Program



If you are a non-profit organization that operates affordable housing units in the Basin that need energy retrofits of some form, this program could help support the upgrades. The Columbia Basin Trust Energy Retrofit Program is delivered by the BC Non-Profit Housing Association in partnership with BC Housing.

## Program Goals

The goal of this program is to help Basin residents have access to housing that meets their needs. This new program will help ensure existing affordable housing units are maintained, cost-effective, energy-efficient and comfortable for residents.

Through this program, non-profit organizations that operate affordable housing units in the Basin can:

1. perform energy assessments and develop plans
2. access existing rebate programs
3. pay for retrofits through Trust-funded grants

Energy retrofits include activities like improving or replacing:

- boilers
- heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems
- windows
- hot water heaters
- lighting
- insulation

Energy retrofits will enhance the quality and sustainability of existing affordable housing by:

- lowering operating costs
- improving comfort level with more efficient heating systems and climate control
- assisting with long-term asset management

## Who Can Apply

You may apply if you represent a non-profit organization that operates affordable housing units in the Basin.

## How to Apply

The first grant intake is now open. Read the application guide for eligibility and more information.

- View the [application guide](#).
- Download the [application form](#).
- Download extra copies of [Appendix A](#) for your application.

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# Safer and Quicker Access to Lost or Injured

News: May 31, 2017



## *Columbia Basin Trust helps SAR teams purchase rescue equipment*

(Columbia Basin) – Dedicated volunteers at three search and rescue organizations are working together to improve their ability to help save lives. Search and rescue (SAR) teams in Golden, Nelson and Fernie have partnered to purchase crucial equipment to perform helicopter rescues. The equipment is being funded in part by \$258,500 from Columbia Basin Trust.

Called Human External Transport Systems, the equipment enables rescuers and those being rescued to be transported by rope, slings and harnesses under a helicopter. While the Golden and Nelson SAR teams already offered this service, Fernie will be providing this service for the first time.

“The Golden and Nelson teams use this equipment approximately 20 times each year,” said Nick Comstock, Golden and District Search and Rescue, who helped organize the purchase after Transport Canada recently required equipment updates. “The new kits will allow these teams to continue to function at the level they currently do. Also, the area of the province the Fernie team covers is now receiving a new rescue service. Together we’ll be providing a much-needed rescue resource in the Columbia Basin.”

Using a helicopter allows for rapid extraction and safer and faster access to difficult locations. Most rescues occur during winter avalanche season, while other calls are for climbers, hikers and other backcountry users.

“Search and rescue volunteer teams are on the frontline providing an important service for residents and visitors alike,” said Wayne Lundeberg, Columbia Basin Trust Director,

Delivery of Benefits. “We see the importance of supporting their efforts to have the resources they need to do their job.”

The Trust supported 16 SAR projects valued at \$546,720 throughout the Basin over the past five years (see backgrounder). For example, Fruitvale renovated its facilities, Cranbrook replaced its snow safety and rescue equipment, Nakusp bought a new response command vehicle and Creston bought a boat.

The Trust also recently provided Avalanche Canada with \$475,000: learn more at [www.ourtrust.org/avalanche2017](http://www.ourtrust.org/avalanche2017)

Read the [Trust Search and Rescue Equipment Backgrounder](#)

