



Strengthening Child Care in the Basin

We are launching a new \$3.6 million program to help maintain and create new child care spaces in the Basin. Over the next three years, our new Child Care Support Program will provide capital grants to support improvements to existing facilities and construct new facilities, training support for early childhood educators and a program advisor to support child care providers...[full story](#)



Ground Breaking at Tobacco Plains

Last month, the Tobacco Plains Indian Band broke ground on their new community hub. The new building will boast a health centre and administration building and will offer residents many centralized services. The Trust

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Social Grants Making an Impact

Our Social Grants have made an impact to social well-being in the Basin. Check out the highlights of the work we have accomplished in the past five years. PLUS Social Grant Intake now open...[full story](#)

supported the new building with \$500,000...[full story](#)



Non-profit Workshops Around the Basin

Help your non-profit succeed by attending one of our Non-Profit Advisor workshops taking place in communities around the Basin starting September 22. Learn more about the workshops and to register...[full story](#)



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You're invited to a free BBQ dinner and entertainment. This year's AGM and community BBQ is happening in Salmo on September 22...[full story](#)

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Salmo

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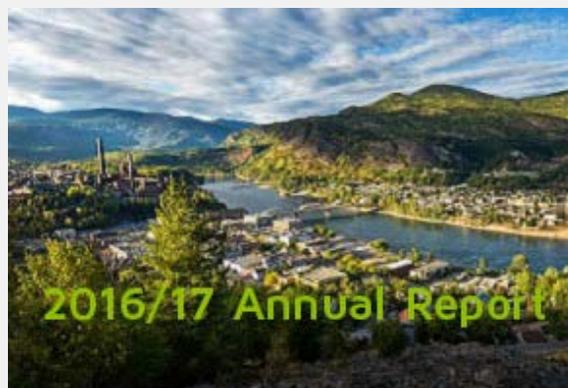
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November 15

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Residents and communities benefited from nearly \$39 million in programs and services last year. Including a new partnership with Heritage BC, a new Energy Retrofit program, \$1 million renewal of partnership with the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy and over \$6 million into our environment, social and recreation

infrastructure grants...[learn more](#)



Mark your calendar for an evening of culture and entertainment happening in Kimberley's Platzl on **October 14 from 5-10pm**. Live music, a Basin wide farmers market, children's activities and more...[full story](#)

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Trust Strengthens Child Care in the Basin

News: September 18, 2017



\$3.6 million for new three-year program to maintain, create new spaces

(Columbia Basin) – Columbia Basin Trust is launching a new \$3.6-million program to help maintain and create new child care spaces in the Basin.

“The Child Care Support Program will help sustain and grow quality licensed child care in the Basin,” said Johnny Strilaeff, President and CEO, Columbia Basin Trust. “The child care sector has several complex issues, including affordability of child care for families, inadequate supply of child care spaces and a shortage of qualified professional staff to work in the sector. We are helping to address those issues with this new program.”

Over the next three years, the Trust’s new Child Care Support Program will provide:

- Capital grants to support improvements to existing facilities and construct new child care spaces
- Training support for Early Childhood Educators to help fill workforce gaps and meet professional development needs
- A Program Advisor to support child care providers and work with the sector to find solutions for common business challenges.

There are 2,600 child care spaces in the Basin, yet there is demand for more spaces, more staff and more training for staff.

“Parents, child care providers and experts have provided input into the development of this program,” Strilaeff said. “We know quality child care is a critical resource that supports early learning and development, and helps parents’ ability to work or further their education.”

The first intake of the capital grants program will launch later this fall.

Earlier this year, the Trust also committed \$210,000 to the 20 community Early Years Planning Tables throughout the Basin. These are community planning groups that coordinate and develop local resources to support young children's healthy development and the needs of their families, such as hosting parent education events, connecting with hard-to-reach parents and coordinating early screening programs for children.

Over the past five years, the Trust has helped improve the quality and safety of 300 child care spaces through its social grants program. The Trust identified early childhood and child development as one of 13 strategic priorities following an extensive public consultation in 2014/15.



Tobacco Plains Indian Band Breaks Ground on New Community Hub

News: August 4, 2017



Trust provides \$500,000 to new community building.

Members of the Tobacco Plains Indian Band will soon have a safe and welcoming space where they can access services and come together. Yesterday was an important day as the community and supporters gathered to break ground for a new Community Administration & Health Centre, funded in part by \$500,000 from Columbia Basin Trust.

“We’ve been working closely with First Nations communities to understand their needs and see how we can support them,” said Johnny Strilaeff, Columbia Basin Trust President and Chief Executive Officer. “This centre will have immediate positive impact for the Tobacco Plains community.”

With construction estimated to cost about \$3.2 million, the new building will combine several amenities that currently don’t exist or are scattered in smaller, outdated locations. It will house the Band administration, a health centre, meeting spaces and a gymnasium, giving the community a place to gather and interact, play sports, exercise and access wellness facilities. It will enable the Band administration to increase services and programming, plus the building will display cultural artifacts and designs. It will also offer new employment opportunities and training space.

“The Tobacco Plain’s Community Administration & Health Center is the Band’s first true community building,” said Nasukin Mary Mahseelah, Tobacco Plains Indian Band. “It will create an opportunity for the administration to support membership and the community in their goals to create and improve services geared toward health and wellness, employment and training, and cultural heritage.”

In addition to the Band and the Trust, other contributors include the First Nations Health Authority, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and the BC Museums Association. Construction should be

complete and facilities in use by late spring 2018.



Supporting Basin Communities to Strengthen Social Well-Being

News: September 14, 2017

The Trust's social grants have made an impact to our well-being in the Basin. The infographic highlights some of the meaningful work that has been accomplished. Our latest social grant intake is now open. The work of the past five years has helped us evolve the program, and new project applications must address quality of life, childhood development or social sector capacity. The Trust has also introduced a new online application form to streamline the process.

Apply by October 3. [Learn More](#)

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Strengthening

Your community's ability to meet complex social needs, such as childhood development or poverty reduction.

1,000 *staff & volunteers received training & education*



Building

capital projects such as infrastructure for child care, food banks and community social services.

300 *child care spaces improved for quality & safety*



Helping
the most vulnerable people in the Basin,
including children, youth, families, adults
& seniors.

3,500 *seniors with
improved access to
community services*

Supporting Basin communities to strengthen social well-being.



Non-profit Advisors Program



If you need support making your non-profit organization stronger, this program can help you increase capacity, become more sustainable and become more efficient.

Program

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Fall 2017 Workshops

Our Non-profit Advisors Program can help you increase capacity, become more sustainable and become more efficient. These workshops help address issues the non-profit sector identified as priorities and common needs.

Meet the presenters and network with other non-profit participants, share and learn about non-profit operations across sectors.

Pre-registration is required. Workshops start September 22.

Cost: \$10-20 per workshop.

Lunch and refreshments are hosted by the Trust on the Saturday full-day sessions.

[See Full Course Descriptions](#) [See Instructor Bios](#)

Non-profits & How They Work; Board Recruitment & Retention; Effective Meetings

Financial Management Basics I & Financial Management II

Digital Storytelling: Communications

Financial Management for Non Profit Organizations (NPOs) & Small Businesses

Funding Essentials

Board Basics - Governance *and* Purposeful & Effective Meetings

Continued Growth, New Programs Benefit Basin Residents

News: August 24, 2017



Columbia Basin Trust delivers \$39 million in programs and services last year

(Columbia Basin) – Columbia Basin residents and communities benefitted from nearly \$39 million in programs and services through Columbia Basin Trust, as released in its 2016/17 Annual Service Plan Report this week. The Trust also invested \$10 million in new business loans and commercial properties.

The Trust's revenues reached \$59 million over the year, an increase of \$11 million from the previous fiscal year. The Trust generates revenues in three ways: through power project investments, investments in private placements and through market securities. All three performed at or above targets resulting in the increased revenues. This allowed the Trust to increase the benefits it delivers to the region, up from the \$31 million it delivered the previous year.

“Through community consultations, we set out 13 strategic priorities for 2016 to 2020 to support Basin priorities. We made significant progress in several of our priority areas including developing strategic frameworks for affordable housing, agriculture, broadband and economic development, and launching two new programs, the Energy Retrofit Program and Built Heritage Grants,” said Johnny Strilaeff, Columbia Basin Trust President and Chief Executive Officer.

Highlights of the \$39 million disbursed to communities include:

- \$6.8 million to a new three-year partnership with Heritage BC to implement the Built Heritage Grants program that supports the preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of heritage assets
- \$2 million to the new Energy Retrofit Program launched in partnership with BC Housing and BC Non-Profit Housing Association to upgrade affordable housing

- \$1 million to the renewal of its long-standing partnership with Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy for an additional two years
- \$6.2 million to environment, social and recreation infrastructure granting programs.

In addition to delivering benefits through grants and initiatives, the Trust is also purchasing, constructing and managing assets for community benefit. In the past year, the Trust invested \$1.5 million to purchase a commercial building to further economic development and \$1 million on infrastructure to support broadband initiatives.

“Our increased revenues allow us to increase our programs and investments to help offer a wider range of benefits to Basin communities and residents, and that’s great news. The Trust is well-positioned to continue to deliver on its mandate of helping residents strengthen the region’s social, economic and environmental well-being,” Strilaeff said.

Join staff and the Board of Directors at the Trust’s annual general meeting in Salmo on September 22 from 4 – 5 pm at the Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre. The public is also invited to attend a community barbecue at the Salmo Ski Hill beginning at 6:00 pm.

Learn more about the Trust’s progress on its strategic priorities at ourtrust.org/priorities.

Read more about the Trust’s performance in its 2016/17 Annual Service Plan Report at ourtrust.org/annualreport2017.

