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News: June 20, 2018



The J.B. Fletcher Store, photo courtesy of J.B. Fletcher Restoration Society.

Columbia Basin Trust supports 42 heritage projects with over \$2 million

Heritage buildings, archives and museum artifacts are part of how communities in the Basin hold onto their histories. To make sure future generations can also benefit from these historical assets, Columbia Basin Trust has made significant headway on its commitment to preserve the region's heritage.

Recently, it committed over \$2 million to 42 heritage projects.

“In as many ways as history is varied, the methods to preserve this history vary as well,” said Johnny Strilaeff, President and CEO, Columbia Basin Trust. “That’s why we’re open to being flexible in how we support heritage-related needs in the Basin, such as grants for built heritage, museums and archives, capacity support and purchasing assets ourselves.”

The Trust is supporting a range of projects, from digitizing historical school yearbooks, to creating a municipal conservation policy, to upgrading how a museum stores its artifacts, to repairing and preserving heritage structures.

In Ainsworth, the JB Fletcher Restoration Society will be repairing the JB Fletcher Store, including stabilizing the storefront, removing lead paint and mould, and adding heating and insulation. Built in 1896, the store is valued as one of the last surviving buildings from the original Ainsworth townsite, which is considered the oldest mining settlement in the West Kootenay.

“The JB Fletcher Store is the last remaining heritage conservation project that Ainsworth has, and its only link to the past. It provides the community with an opportunity to show visitors how we came to be,” said Terry Peterson, Project Manager. “This year’s funding will make the building environment safe for the public and allow the building to be used year-round.”

In Kimberley's community of Marysville, the Old Marysville Schoolhouse will be getting a new coat of exterior paint. Used as a school from 1910 to 1949, the school has already had its interior restored and outfitted as an early 20th-century schoolhouse. Owned by the Kimberley District Heritage Society, it is currently open to the public as a museum and used by school classes.



The Old Marysville Schoolhouse, photo courtesy of Kimberley District Heritage Society.

“This project is important as it preserves one of our oldest intact heritage buildings and will provide future generations with a tangible part of our history,” said Marie Stang, Administrator. “We hope that projects like this will encourage others to preserve heritage buildings too, rather than discarding them, so that they may continue to tell the story of our community and its people.”



Historic photo of the Creston Grain Elevators, courtesy of the Creston Museum.

Another unique way the Trust is helping preserve Basin heritage is by purchasing two grain elevators. Located in the town of Creston and over eighty years old, these elevators represent a Canadian symbol that is rapidly disappearing, and are two of just four wooden grain elevators left in British Columbia. To ensure their existence into the future, the Trust has become their new owners, with essential repairs coming soon.

The Trust is also supporting the Cranbrook History Centre with \$300,000 to build a train shed to protect some of its most valuable railcars.

In ways like these, the Trust is delivering on its strategic priority to ensure the history and culture of the Basin is celebrated by vibrant arts, culture and heritage. In addition to considering individual needs like the grain elevators and train shed, it has committed \$7.8 million over three years to support the Basin's heritage values. The Trust also partners with Heritage BC to support a Basin-based heritage planner who helps local groups and organizations increase their capacity for conserving the region's heritage. To learn more about all these opportunities, visit ourtrust.org/heritage.

See the list of [2018 Built Heritage Grants](#).

See the list of 2018 [Heritage, Museum and Archive Grants](#).

New Seniors Housing Comes to Cranbrook

News: June 21, 2018



Kootenay Street Village will include units for low-income seniors thanks to \$3.2-million Trust grant

Columbia Basin residents have said our region needs more affordable housing, including the people in and around Cranbrook. To help make this happen, Columbia Basin Trust is investing in a new seniors living community in Cranbrook, called Kootenay Street Village. It is also providing a \$3.2-million grant to make rents, on up to 25 of the units, affordable for low-income seniors.

“We’re excited to be part of this village in a unique way, as an investor and also by providing a grant to support subsidized housing for low income seniors,” says Johnny Strilaeff, Columbia Basin Trust President and CEO. “Our priority is to help ensure residents have access to housing that meets their needs, and we thank all partners involved for collaborating to move forward in this creative, effective way. Once built, this facility will have a positive impact on the lives of its residents.”

Kootenay Street Village will consist of 30 funded residential care beds, 6 private care beds and 61 independent living units. A minimum of 20 of the independent living units will be subsidized thanks to the Trust grant.

“We are excited to partner with Interior Health Authority and Columbia Basin Trust to bring our vision of a senior’s wellness hub to Cranbrook,” says Endre Lillejord, CEO of Golden Life Management. “The inclusion of funded residential care, independent living, and low income housing coupled with new and innovative health and wellness programs will ensure all Cranbrook seniors have access to high quality care, housing, and services both within and outside our Village.”

The Trust is also invested in Cranbrook’s Joseph Creek Village, as well as seven other seniors living communities in Castlegar, Creston, Fernie, Fruitvale, Invermere, Kimberley and Nelson. In total, these offer 838 living suites and a range of support services. In addition to providing housing for seniors,

these facilities help the Trust earn income that it uses to deliver its programs and initiatives throughout the region. Learn more at ourtrust.org/investments.

The Trust has also prioritized affordable housing, and aims to help Basin residents access affordable housing that meets their basic needs. Since 2002, it has helped create over 1,600 housing units. Along with other initiatives, its recent commitments include the \$15-million Housing Initiative, the \$2-million Energy Retrofit Program and the \$4.5-million First Nations Housing Sustainability Initiative. Learn more at ourtrust.org/housing.

Columbia Basin Trust supports the ideas and efforts of the people in the Columbia Basin. To learn more about the Trust's programs and initiatives, and how it helps deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to the Basin, visit ourtrust.org.



Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program Gets \$100,000 Boost

News: June 11, 2018



Trust support reduces wait lists, adds five new markets, feeds 225 more families

Columbia Basin residents, local farmers and local farmers' markets will all benefit from \$100,000 for the BC Association of Farmers' Markets (BCAFM) Nutrition Coupon Program.

Columbia Basin Trust (the Trust) support will help reduce wait lists at ten farmers' markets and will add five new Basin markets to the program in 2018. This means an additional 225 families will benefit from the program.

The BCAFM Nutrition Coupon Program provides coupons to lower-income families, seniors and pregnant women participating in food literacy programs delivered by a number of community partners. The coupons enable participants to shop at participating BCAFM member farmers' markets for fresh, locally grown food from June to October.

"Our partnership with BCAFM directly supports our agriculture strategic priority," said Kindy Gosal, Columbia Basin Trust Director of Special Initiatives. "Farmers who accept these coupons benefit directly, dollar for dollar, with each coupon redeemed. This serves to sustain local farmers and farm lands, while strengthening our local food system. This program also very much contributes to the well-being of residents by providing access to local, healthy food."

Each week for 16 weeks, recipients receive coupons valued at \$21 which they use at farmers' markets to purchase vegetables, fruits, nuts, eggs, dairy products, cut herbs, meat and fish. This year's summer program starts on Friday, June 15, 2018.

Farmers' markets located in Windermere, Fernie, Elkford, Rossland and Trail will join the program in 2018. Additionally, the markets in Cranbrook, Creston, Kaslo, Kimberley, Nakusp, Nelson and

Revelstoke will have reduced waiting lists because of the boost to the program.

“The BCAFM is thrilled to be partnering with the Trust on the expansion of this program across the Basin,” said Heather O’Hara BCAFM executive director. “We know how much this program is loved by farmers, farmers’ markets and the people who redeem coupons in the region and its deep impact.”

To become a coupon recipient, Basin residents must contact one of the participating community partner organizations in his or her community that partners with the program. To learn more about the program, visit www.bcfarmersmarket.org/coupon-program/about-program.

The BCAFM serves the needs of its 145+ member farmers’ markets. It is committed to developing and strengthening the capacity of farmers’ markets in all regions of the province so member farmers’ market can continue to support local farmers, food processors and artisans and provide British Columbians with fresh, healthy, local food. Learn more at www.bcfarmersmarket.org.

The Trust has made agriculture one of its strategic priorities, and is working to foster agricultural production in the region and make sure residents have access to healthy food. For example, the Trust provides assistance to agricultural producers through the Kootenay & Boundary Farm Advisors and the Basin Business Advisors programs. It also recently hosted a Basin Agriculture Forum. Learn more about its efforts in agriculture, as well as in improving the economic and social well-being of residents, at www.ourtrust.org/our-work.



Basin Life 2018 Photo Contest

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The Basin Life 2018 photo contest is now closed. Thanks to everyone who submitted a photo!



Creston Landmark Gets New Lease on Life

News: June 20, 2018



Columbia Basin Trust purchases historically valuable grain elevators

As you approach the town of Creston's downtown core, two rare landmarks stand out: a pair of grain elevators over 80 years old. Representing a Canadian symbol that is rapidly disappearing, the Creston elevators are two of just four wooden grain elevators left in British Columbia. To ensure their existence into the future, Columbia Basin Trust has become their new owners.

The Trust is committed to helping preserve the region's history and share it with future generations. In some cases, this means supplying a grant to help a community group or local government to conserve an important building. In Creston's case, the best option was for the Trust to purchase the elevators.

"These elevators are priceless and so iconic for the town of Creston because of its agricultural heritage," said Johnny Strilaeff, President and CEO, Columbia Basin Trust. "The previous owner, Ray Gauthier, put in his own labour to clean and maintain them, and now additional work must be done. We are acquiring the elevators to ensure they can be properly preserved and maintained for future generations to enjoy."

The two elevators, approximately six storeys high, were built in 1935 and 1936 and were used to collect, store and ship locally grown wheat, barley, oats and rye. They closed in 1971 and 1982 and have seen little use or major upkeep since.

Two heritage consultants, Elana Zysblat and John Atkin, evaluated their historical value in December 2017.

"This isn't a remote field in some remote, isolated area—this is downtown Creston,"

said Zysblat. “The fact that we have two of them side by side, in such an accessible location, makes them more unique and more valuable than most grain elevators in the entire country.”

Before winter sets in, the first step will be to keep out weather and birds by

replacing the roofs and windows. Additional repairs and restoration will take place once the future use of these elevators has been decided.



“There are lots of potential uses, and when the time comes we’ll engage with the community to consider the options,” said Strilaeff. “The key is to give them a modern purpose—they won’t just be part of the landscape, but actually useful.”

Ron Toyota, Mayor of Creston, is also enthusiastic about these elevators’ new lease on life. “These elevators have become a downtown Creston landmark and identity that enhances our community, and their history to the Creston Valley is considerable,” he said. “I was born and raised in Creston and these icons are significant to my memories. I believe their preservation will benefit our community immensely.”

Preserving heritage is one of the Trust’s strategic priorities. It delivers on it in ways like its Built Heritage Grants and Heritage, Museum and Archive Grants. To learn more, visit ourtrust.org/heritage.



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