



Join Us at the Next Columbia Basin Symposia

Save the date and plan to attend our symposia in 2020! NEW this next year we are hosting the same event in two communities to allow more people to attend. Anyone that lives in the Basin is welcome to attend this free event, whether you are involved with a non-profit, local government, business or industry...[learn more](#)



Using Advanced Tech and Gaining Skills

With 25 public spaces becoming more high-tech this year through the Trust's Community Technology Program, people all over the Basin will have close access to advanced software and equipment for learning and creating...[full story](#)



More and Better Child Care Spaces

Many families in the Basin rely upon child care. To help meet this need for quality spaces, 67 child care providers in 24 communities will be creating or improving child care spaces. In addition to the grants, the Trust also provided support to help train 116 early childhood educators...[full story](#)



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A partnership between Nelson CARES Society, the Province of BC and the Trust is bringing 47 new affordable homes for seniors, adults with disabilities and those experiencing homelessness to Nelson...[full story](#)



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Five large-scale projects focused on the Arrow/Slocan region and the Columbia Valley region will restore over 1,700 hectares of important land...[full story](#)



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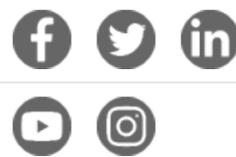
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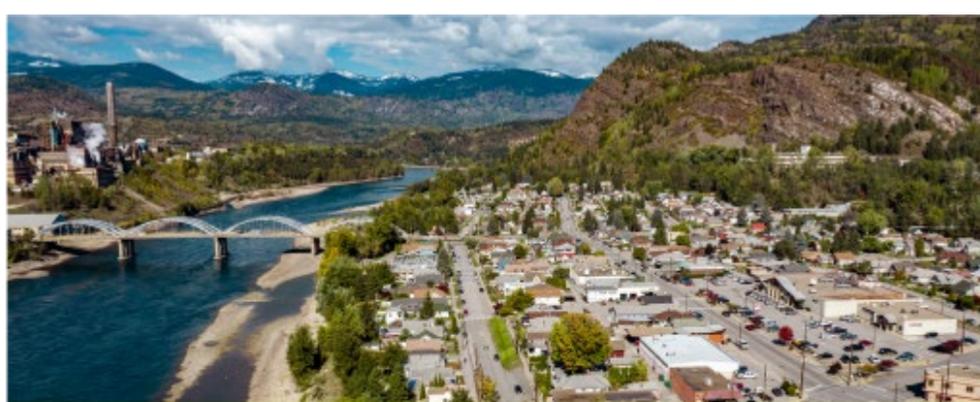
COLUMBIA BASIN SYMPOSIA

TRAIL AND GOLDEN 2020

Save the Date for the Trust's Next Symposia

Columbia Basin Trust is committed to hosting a Basin-wide symposium every three to four years.

In 2020, we are hosting two free symposia, with identical agendas, in two different Basin communities, to allow for more people to attend.



Trail
OCTOBER 2 TO 4, 2020



Golden
OCTOBER 23 TO 25, 2020

An important role for the Trust is bringing people together at events like the symposia, to help the region work toward solutions to shared challenges, celebrate accomplishments and develop connections between residents.

This event engages community leaders, businesses and people active in their communities to collectively look toward the future of the Columbia Basin region.

Anyone who lives in the [Columbia Basin Trust region](#) is welcome to attend one of the symposia: whether you are involved with a non-profit, local government or industry, or are interested in the well-being of your community and this region.

Next year, the [Our Trust, Our Future: 2020 engagement process](#) will be underway as we envision our future priorities with people in the Basin. The results of the engagement plus other topics of broad regional and community interest, will form part of the symposia agenda. We'll also be turning 25 next year and hope that you will join in celebrating all that we have accomplished together!

As in previous years, the Trust will host an Evening of Basin Culture and Entertainment in Golden and Trail, open to delegates and the general public.

So save a date and join us in October 2020!

More Opportunities To Use Advanced Tech and Gain Skills

News: October 29, 2019



Sixteen projects received nearly \$480,000 from the Trust's Community Technology Program including the Invermere Public Library.

People in [16 communities](#) will have the opportunity to access state-of-the-art technology for free as public facilities purchase items such as high-tech recording and digitization equipment, robotics kits, 3-D printers, scanners and software, and teach people how to use them. These projects are being realized with nearly \$480,000 from Columbia Basin Trust's Community Technology Program.

"This program helps communities meet the evolving needs of the people who live in them, increasing opportunities to access the latest technology and improve their digital literacy," said Nicole MacLellan, Manager, Delivery of Benefits. "The ability to access and use technology is a must in today's world. We were particularly pleased with the response from so many small and rural communities that are working to increase access and bridge the digital divide."

Announced in fall 2018, this program provided grants to registered non-profit organizations, First Nations communities and local governments that operate public spaces like libraries and community centres. This final intake adds to the nine communities that received support earlier this year, bringing the program's project total to 25 tech-enabled spaces.

Besides computers, specialized software and other equipment, the grants also enable the organizations to renovate their spaces and buy furniture to create suitable venues. They may also use the funding to train staff and volunteers so they can help residents use the new technology, and to provide barrier-free programming and training to the public, such as classes and workshops, one-on-one coaching and online resources.

Here are a few of the recent recipients:

[Varied Opportunities Have Ongoing Impacts](#)

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