



NEWS FLASH

- Brilliant Expansion Community Day
- Joseph Creek Groundbreaking
- South-East Basin Liaison
- Rosenberg Forum
- CBT Career Opportunities

Hello and welcome to the first issue of the CBT Email Newsletter. Because this is our “premiere” issue, we look forward to your input and comments as we work toward making it better and better. We will be sending out the CBT Email Newsletter once every two months and will be providing you with current information and news about CBT and our activities in the Basin. If you would like to see us add a section or include more information on a particular subject, let us know by sending an email here: CBTnews@cbt.org. This is your newsletter so we depend on your input.

EVENTS

Learn about all the events and dates in the upcoming CBT schedule. You are encouraged to get involved and participate. [more...](#)

BOARD SYNOPSIS

Read about the last CBT Board meeting and what was discussed. It was held September 15, 2006 in Valemount, BC and many important subjects were addressed. [more...](#)

FUNDING

CBT continues to support the efforts of Basin residents in the social, environmental and economic sectors. Read here about recent funding through the Delivery of Benefits program. [more...](#)

NEWS RELEASES

As always, many things have been happening at CBT—youth programs, developments with the Board and CBT offices. [more...](#)



Events

CBT Youth Grant Application Review/Deadline

November 16, 2006

Contact sdonald@cbt.org for more information

CBT Board of Directors Meeting

December 4/5, 2006

Fernie, BC

Community Initiatives Program Evaluation RFP Deadline

December 15, 2006.

Contact aambrosone@cbt.org or [visit www.cbt.org](http://www.cbt.org) for more information



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Board Synopsis

The purpose of this Board Meeting Synopsis is to provide a general overview of discussion items and decisions made at the meeting on September 15, 2006 in Valemount, BC.

- CBT’s governance manual which establishes the organization’s governance framework, (including principles, duties and responsibilities of the Board, its committees, and senior management) was approved by the Board. The Board will review the manual in one year to ensure the policies remain relevant and appropriate. The governance manual is posted on the CBT website at



- CBT and our joint venture partner, Columbia Power Corporation (CPC) are continuing work on the feasibility assessment of the Waneta Expansion Project near Trail. The Waneta Expansion Environmental Assessment Certificate Application has been submitted and a decision regarding the application is expected in January, 2007.
- After a Request for Proposals (RFP) for financial audit services, Yule, Anderson & Johnstone, from Castlegar, have been appointed as CBT's auditors for the next five years.
- The Board approved CBT's first quarter Consolidated Financial Statements for this fiscal year.
- CBT continues to work on revising its Investment Policy. Consultation with Basin residents on the new Investment Policy is planned for Spring, 2007.
- The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) Membership for this year was appointed by the Board. For details on the YAC in general or regarding the member in your area please contact Stacy Donald at 1-800-505-8998.



- In recognition of the need to focus the work of CBT's advisory committees, the Board approved, in principle, a clarification of the role and structure of these committees. This will include refining the Terms of Reference of the committees to define them as being primarily advisory in role and responsible for assisting CBT in identifying and developing strategic plans and priorities.
- After recent grant enquiries from various local governments, the Board reviewed its existing policy around participation in infrastructure projects. CBT's existing policy specifies that CBT will only fund programs/projects (including infrastructure) that are incremental to the funding of any level of government. (This means CBT will not relieve any level of government of their normal responsibilities to the Basin). Following the review, the Board confirmed the existing policy.
- The Board approved the revised Water Initiatives Strategy. The Water Initiatives Strategy will be available in 2007 on CBT's Water Initiatives website at <http://water.cbt.org> or by calling 1-800-505-8998.
- CBT plans to create 20 new scholarships for mature students, who are between the ages of 20-29 and in a year other than the first of their post-secondary education, at institutions within the Basin. These scholarships will be awarded based on long-term demonstrated community service and/or recommendations from educational institutions. CBT will continue with the existing 20 awards, of \$2,000, based on community service and/or recommendations from educational institutions, for students graduating from high school.



- The Social Advisory Committee is continuing its work on identifying affordable housing needs in the Columbia Basin and is working with the BC Non-Profit Housing Association.
- Through the State of the Basin Initiative, CBT is taking steps to create a basis for a realistic model to support sound planning and decision-making in the Basin. This State of the Basin Initiative is building on existing practices and knowledge that will help further efforts towards environmental, social, and economic planning in the Columbia River Basin. For more information please contact Sabrina Curtis at 1-800-505-8998.
- The Board discussed potential revisions to the Columbia Basin Management Plan which would be subject to public consultation.
- Over the past 18 months the Water Initiatives Program has been supporting the development of a network of all the existing community

based watershed groups in the Columbia Basin. Twenty two such groups are part of the network development process.

- As part of its commitment to supporting the work of these groups, Columbia Basin Trust sponsored a Water Quality Monitoring Workshop on September 30th/October 1st, 2006 in Kimberley.
- In November, 2005 CBT, along with a number of other Federal, Provincial and First Nations Agencies, convened the first ever "Canadian Columbia River Forum". The audience was senior level provincial and federal government representatives. Columbia Basin Trust has been asked to play a facilitating and convening role to develop a multistakeholder Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) based on cooperation and communication around trans-boundary issues in the Columbia Basin. One of three issues identified is the potential renegotiation or termination of the Columbia River Treaty. The tentative completion date for the MOU is November, 2006.
- The Chief Executive Officer confirmed the decision to keep CBT's Nakusp office open after careful consideration of concerns brought forward by local government representatives and residents with respect to the previous decision to close the Nakusp office.
- The next CBT Board meeting has been scheduled for December 4/5th, 2006 in Fernie. For more information or to schedule a public presentation please contact Maureen Forster at 1-800-505-8998.



CBT's tentative 2007 Board Meeting Schedule is as follows:

- January 26/27 Trail – Terra Nova
- March 16/17 Castlegar – CBT Boardroom
- May 25/26 Golden – Prestige Inn
- July 20/21 (Annual General Meeting) Cranbrook – St. Eugene Mission
- September 14/15 Nakusp – TBA
- November 16/17 Radium – Prestige Inn

There is a public component on the first day of CBT Board meetings. If you wish to make a public presentation to the Board at any of the above locations, please contact Maureen Forster at 1-800-505-8998.



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Funding

At the Delivery of Benefits Committee Meeting, held September 7, 2006 in Castlegar, decisions were made to support a number of projects throughout the Basin. The committee meets to evaluate all potential fund allocations greater than \$10,000. The programs are listed here, in alphabetical order:



Cranbrook Public Library: New Facilities Project. The new facility will create a new, larger more accessible space that will allow the Cranbrook Public Library to connect people to information and ideas, promote literacy, and support lifelong learning through the provision of superior library services. CBT will contribute \$25,000 toward custom shelves and displays, wood end panels, interior fittings, etc. for the new facility.

Kootenay Kids. Based in Nelson, for over 20 years, Kootenay Kids has been providing a variety of valuable services for kids up to 6 years old. The committee agreed to fund the organization in the amount of \$30,000 for

materials and supplies for renovations.

Kootenay Trout Hatchery. Located just outside of Cranbrook, the Kootenay Trout Hatchery produces 2.5 million trout fingerlings each year and stocks up to 150 lakes in the East and West Kootenay regions. CBT will provide \$25,000 for the creation of a children's fishing pond, and a nature trail for the enjoyment of Basin residents, adjacent to the hatchery.

Proctor Community Society: United Church Acquisition Initiative. Currently used by the Harrop Proctor Seniors and the Kootenay Storytelling Festival, the Proctor Community Society wishes to purchase the United Church and make it a permanent space for Harrop Proctor seniors, as well as a small capacity venue for community activities. CBT will contribute \$15,000 toward the purchase.

Wynndel Internet Society. Wynndel Internet Society is representing a group of communities—including Wynndel and Sirdar in Area A, the community of West Creston and the remainder of Area C, known as the "Flats"—in their collective efforts to bring broadband service to the region. CBT will contribute \$40,000 in support of this endeavour.

To learn more about the potential for getting support for your project or program, visit www.cbt.org for more information or contact the CBT **Community Liaison** in your area.

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News Releases

[**Josh Smienk will not seek reappointment**](#)

[**Say your piece in the next issue of Scratch**](#)

[**CBT listens to Nakusp residents**](#)

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We Need a Name

We know that the "CBT Email Newsletter" is descriptive and lets you know what you are receiving in your inbox, but we are looking for something a little more fun and meaningful—and we need your help! If you can think of a name for the newsletter, please send it to us at newslettername@cbt.org. We are looking for a name that somehow describes the newsletter and what we are trying to achieve. We will select a name from entries received and announce it in the next issue. The winner's name will be published and he or she will receive a special prize as our way of saying thanks.

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