



**NEWS FLASH**

- New Northwest Basin Liaison
- Regional Innovation Support
- Inspiring Youth for Change
- Tom Uphill Manor Opens
- National Water Education

Happy Holidays to you and your family from all of us at CBT! This is the second issue of our newsletter and, after an overwhelmingly positive response from readers of the November issue, it's clear that Basin residents enjoy news from CBT. On a "housekeeping" note, we have decided to extend the newsletter naming contest. Please send all ideas to [newslettername@cbt.org](mailto:newslettername@cbt.org). If your newsletter name is selected, you'll get a special prize! As with the last issue, we have included a synopsis of the most recent CBT Board meeting, a listing of projects we have supported lately, and some other interesting news. If you would like to see anything else included, or have any comments in general, please email us here: [CBTnews@cbt.org](mailto:CBTnews@cbt.org). Happy reading and Happy Holidays to one and all!

**EVENTS**

Things are relatively quiet with the holiday season, but there is always something happening at CBT. [more...](#)

**BOARD SYNOPSIS**

The CBT Board met December 4 and 5 in Fernie—the last meeting of 2006. Read on to learn more about what was discussed. [more...](#)

**FUNDING**

There hasn't been a Delivery of Benefits meeting since the last newsletter but read about all the support we've provided through some of our other programs. [more...](#)

**NEWS RELEASES**

CBT has hired two new people with deep experience in working with communities. Learn more about their backgrounds and what they will do at CBT. [more...](#)



**Events**

**CBT Board of Directors Meeting**

January 26/27  
Trail, BC

**Release of Scratch Magazine (Issue 11)**

January, 2007  
Basin-wide. Contact [sdonald@cbt.org](mailto:sdonald@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 December 4/5, 2006 in Fernie, BC.



- Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) hosted a Climate Change session on October 20, 2006 in Castlegar. The session explored some of the impacts climate change may have on the day-to-day lives of Basin residents and explained how CBT will work with communities so we can all be prepared. The event and summary report, which was released at the session, was covered by CBC National, CBC Daybreak

**Wally Penner**  
New VP of Community Partnerships.  
Click [here](#) to learn more.

South, Mountain FM, the Vancouver Province, and various newspapers throughout the Basin. If you would like a copy of the Starting the Dialogue: Climate Change in the Canadian Columbia Basin report please call 1-800-505-8998.



- Based on recent income forecasts, the Board approved increasing disbursements for the Delivery of Benefits by 40% to \$7 million for fiscal year 2007/2008. This is an increase from \$5 million in the current fiscal year.
- On November 9, 2006, the provincial government announced a new policy respecting grants in lieu of taxes relating to BC Hydro, Columbia Power Corporation (CPC), and the Columbia Basin Trust's major power-generating facilities. Under the new formula, publicly owned generating facilities will pay grants comparable to the property taxes that would be paid on a large (400 megawatts) private gas-fired generating plant. CPC and CBT's Arrow Lakes Generation Station and Brilliant Expansion project are subject to the new policy. The amounts payable will be shared 50/50 between CBT and CPC and disbursed according to a formula set by the Ministry of Finance.
- In November of last year CBT, along with a number of other Federal, Provincial and First Nations Agencies, convened the first ever "Canadian Columbia River Forum" which targeted senior level provincial and federal government representatives. The objectives of the forum were to raise awareness, build a common understanding, build a good base of information, and provide a forum for coordination and partnerships amongst Canadian organizations regarding issues in the Columbia River system. Following the forum, CBT was asked to play a facilitating and convening role to develop a multi-stakeholder Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) based on cooperation and communication around Trans-Boundary issues in the Columbia Basin. The Board approved CBT entering into the Canadian Columbia River Forum MOU with a target completion date and signing on February 14, 2007.
- CBT has partnered with the United Nations Water Decade for Life and Global Television to produce a public service announcement focusing on increasing public understanding of the importance of water to our way of life and on showcasing how CBT was created by the people of the Basin and how we continue to give residents a voice in the future of the Basin. The one-minute announcement will air hundreds of times on the Global Television network and on their partner stations over the next two years.
- 32 projects that were funded under CBT's Environmental Initiatives Program are currently underway. The Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership (CKFRP), the Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network (CBEEN), and the Land Conservancy of BC (TLC) continue to assist in the implementation of programs.
- After further consultation with, and at the request of, Selkirk College and College of the Rockies the Board amended their decision 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. The colleges felt the restrictions excluded large numbers of students in the trades and all students in one-year certificate programs as well as did not reflect the reality of current patterns in college enrolment as many mature students are older than 29 years. The 20 new scholarships will no longer have an upper age limit and will be open to students in their first year of study. CBT will continue with the existing 20 awards, of \$2,000, for students graduating from high school in the Basin.
- CBT's Vice President of Investments is meeting with key financial



advocates throughout the basin to discuss CBT's Regional Investment Program, identify current gaps in the financing spectrum, and discuss future opportunities. If you would like more information on these meetings contact Johnny Strilaeff at [jstrilaeff@cbt.org](mailto:jstrilaeff@cbt.org) or 1-800-505-8998.

- The Board authorized the Chair to sign the Columbia Power Corporation – Columbia Basin Trust Governance Protocol Agreement which provides a framework for establishing a cooperative working relationship between the joint venture partners and strengthening an already strong partnership.

- Issue 11 of CBT's Scratch magazine (a magazine for youth, by youth) will be available in January, 2007. For more information on CBT's youth programs or Scratch magazine visit [www.scratchonline.ca](http://www.scratchonline.ca). If you would like a copy of Scratch magazine please call 1-800-505-8998.

- CBT has designed a Youth Centre Resource 'how-to' Kit with information for developing and sustaining youth centres. The kit is a compilation of varied resources and manuals perfect for anyone who is operating or thinking about a starting a youth centre. To receive a copy contact Stacy Donald at [sdonald@cbt.org](mailto:sdonald@cbt.org) or 1-800-505-8998.

- The Board approved CBT's second quarter Consolidated Financial Statements (for the period ended September 30, 2006). For a copy of these Financial Statements, please contact Christine Lloyd at 1-800-505-8998.

- The next CBT Board meeting has been scheduled for January 26/27, 2007 in Trail. 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 Golden – Prestige Inn

May 25/26 Castlegar – CBT Boardroom

July 20/21 (Annual General Meeting) Cranbrook – St. Eugene Mission

September 14/15 Nakusp - TBA

November 16/17 Radium – Prestige Inn

Public is always welcome to attend the public component on the first day of CBT Board meetings. If you wish to make a specific presentation to the Board at any of the above locations, please contact Maureen Forster at 1-800-505-8998 so we can best allocate time on the agenda.

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## **Funding**

Below is an alphabetical listing of recently funded projects that are happening around the Basin. Our mission is to support the efforts of Basin residents to create a legacy of social, environmental, and economic well-being.

**Advocates for Local Living.** The Fernie RideBoard project will provide a virtual meeting space for the community of Fernie to access car-pooling. This grant of \$2,300 went to the development of the car-pooling website.

**City of Rossland.** The Rossland Strategic Planning Project received \$10,000 in funding to develop and implement a planning model promoting sustainable communities for Rossland, BC. The learnings from this project



will be shared with other Basin communities.

**Cranbrook Chamber of Commerce.** CBT supported the Leadership BC project by sponsoring a learning day in the amount of \$600. The goal of this project is to identify, develop and encourage leaders in the community.



**East Shore Internet Society.** The Connecting Communities II – Workshop and Forum was a conference on bringing broadband to remote Basin communities. The conference was granted \$4,340.

**Fernie Secondary Aboriginal Education Program.** The Life Savers Program was granted \$2,500 and is a youth-initiated project that will provide peer-to-peer support for young people dealing with the issues of suicide and depression.

**Freedom Quest Regional Youth Services.** This Trail-based group received \$2,500 to develop and run a pilot for a recreational outdoor program based on drug prevention.

**Kaslo Area Youth Council.** The Kaslo Skate Park will open this spring. The CBT funding of \$23,000 will be used to help complete construction and ensure safety of the site.

**Nelson and District Community Resources Society.** The Attachment Therapy Professional Training project promotes healthy relationships between children and their significant care givers. This Basin-wide project received \$10,000.

**Nelson and District Youth Centre.** The Youth Legacy Art Gallery Project received \$2,500 for the renovations and creation of a youth artist space with a goal of raising the profile of young artists in the Basin.

**Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.** The RDKB received \$10,000 for its Identifying Aviation – Related Development Opportunities project which entailed a development plan for lands adjacent the Waneta airport focusing on the aviation sector.

**Rossland Chamber of Commerce.** The Rossland Resort Association received \$10,000 to help them develop a business plan for their new Destination Marketing Organization.



**Selkirk College, KAST, and Trail Chamber of Commerce.** CBT supported this partnership in presenting An Introduction to Knowledge Management workshop. The project provided practical information on sharing knowledge within organizations and received \$1,809.

**Selkirk Secondary School.** The World Aids Day Event in Kimberley is supporting a group of students to peer educate and promote activism around the issue of HIV/AIDS in Africa. The group received \$7,400 in funding.

**Slocan Electronic Arts Centre.** This group received \$2,500 in funding to promote the youth-directed feature film The Tanchiro Brothers to various film festivals.

**Tourism Action Society in the Kootenays.** This group's project was "Building and Creating the Basin's Birding and Eco-tourism Experience" and involved the gathering of information and the encouragement of networking opportunities for birding tourism. Support was for \$10,000.

**Valemount Youth Initiative.** The Valemount Skateboard Park and

Recreation Area Construction project received \$15,000 in funding. The skateboard park is an addition to recreation opportunities available in the Valemount area.

**WE Graham Community Service Society.** The Slokan Skate Park construction will lead to a state-of-the-art skate park that will recruit skaters from across the province. The organization received \$10,000 in support.

To learn more about the potential for getting support for your project or program, visit [www.cbt.org](http://www.cbt.org) for more information or contact the CBT **Community Liaison** in your area.

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