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Columbia Basin Trust supports efforts by the people of the Basin to create a legacy of social, economic and environmental well-being and to achieve greater self-sufficiency for present and future generations.

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Formal Agreements Reached in Waneta Expansion Project

Monday, October 04, 2010

Columbia Power Corporation (CPC) and Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) announced today that they have formally signed a partnership agreement with Fortis Inc. (Fortis) to construct the Waneta Expansion Hydroelectric Project, south of Trail, BC. The agreement will see Fortis with a 51 per cent share of the project, CPC with 32.5 per cent and CBT with a 16.5 per cent share. CPC will act as project manager for the Partners during construction.

In addition, the Partners have formalized a design-build contract with SNC-Lavalin Inc. to act as the contractor for construction of the Waneta Expansion Project.

"As the only government MLA for the Kootenays, I know how important this source of clean energy is to the region," said Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

"It will bring approximately 400 jobs and \$200 million in wages and benefits to the region, as well as providing clean, renewable, reliable, cost-effective power to all British Columbians."

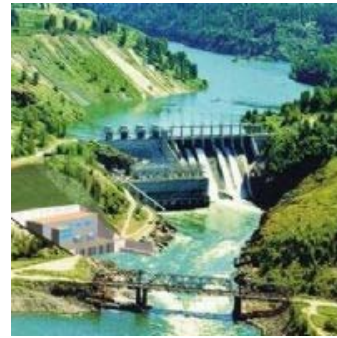
"The signing of the partnership agreement is a significant milestone," said Jane Bird, President and Chief Executive Officer for Columbia Power Corporation. "We are pleased to have Fortis Inc. and Columbia Basin Trust as partners on this highly anticipated project. We, and our partners, are confident that SNC-Lavalin Inc., with its expertise and experience, will build this project safely, on time and on budget."

The Waneta Expansion project will bring benefits to local communities, including the creation of over 400 jobs during the four and a half year construction period, provide approximately \$200 million in wages and benefits and inject over \$178 million into the local economy through the purchase of goods and services.

"We are extremely pleased to finally see this project moving forward. This is the culmination of a lot of hard work on the part of all the partners and government in getting to this stage," said Neil Muth, President and Chief Executive Officer for CBT. "Having these agreements in place means construction is expected to start soon, bringing much-needed jobs and benefits to the region."

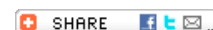
The Waneta Expansion Project is the third project undertaken by Crown corporations CPC and CBT. Their previous projects include the construction of the 185MW Arrow Lakes Generating Station and the 120MW Brilliant Expansion, both near Castlegar, BC. They also own the 145MW Brilliant Dam and Generating Station, which they purchased in 1996. On August 26, 2010, they announced that they were entering into a partnership with Fortis Inc. for the construction of the Waneta Expansion Project.

For more information on Columbia Power Corporation, visit their website at: www.columbiapower.org.



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Artist's rendering of the proposed Waneta Expansion Project. Partnership agreement finalized between CBT, CPC and Fortis Inc, as well as a design build contract with the preferred proponent SNC-Lavalin.



Twenty-two Basin Residents Receive CBT Awards

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Recipients chosen based on their volunteering efforts

Thanks to their commitments to volunteering, 22 Basin residents have received money to pursue post-secondary education or training through the 2010 College Community Service Awards, funded by CBT.

The \$2,000 awards are available to Basin residents who have taken a hiatus of at least one year after completing high school and wish to continue their education. Unlike many awards, they are based on volunteer service, not academic achievement.

"CBT provides these awards to mature students in the Columbia Basin who have been volunteers in their community, helping them further their education while remaining in their region," said Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO. "The awards have helped adults of all ages—from young parents to 60-year-olds—pursue their dreams."

The awards are offered to Basin residents attending Selkirk College, College of the Rockies, Revelstoke Centre of the Okanagan College and Valemount Campus of the College of New Caledonia.

Lindsay Jennings of Nelson is one of the recipients. The 19-year-old, who is studying engineering at Selkirk College, has several volunteering experiences under her belt, including being the youngest member of the North Shore Volunteer Fire Department.

"I feel honoured to have received the award and it will go a long way in helping me achieve my dreams of becoming a civil engineer," said Jennings. "I choose to volunteer because I want to make a difference in my community. While it can be difficult to juggle volunteering with the responsibilities of life, it makes me feel good to know I'm helping make my neighbourhood a safer place. It has also helped me mature, develop new skills, gain a sense of achievement, meet new people and boost my career opportunities."

CBT proudly supports students in the Columbia Basin with two scholarship programs: the Youth Community Service Award and the College Community Service Award, both of which are based on volunteer community service rather than academic standing.

Castlegar Youth Strategy Moves Forward

Friday, October 08, 2010

Community involvement will assist City efforts for a "youth-friendly Castlegar"

A comprehensive Youth Strategy intended to improve the lives of Castlegar youth is being developed by the City of Castlegar with support from Columbia Basin Trust (CBT). B.C. Healthy Communities, which has supported other B.C. communities with similar projects, has also been contracted to assist in this process.

"This strategy will provide comprehensive, current data to help Council make informed decisions regarding youth issues and services," said Castlegar Mayor Lawrence Chernoff. "The participation from youth and youth service providers in this process is crucial, and we look forward to hearing from them throughout the building of this strategy."

Through community consultation, the strategy will provide concrete data that will assist the City in developing future policy and programming priorities, help define the role of the City in supporting meaningful youth participation and identify assets and gaps in current services and opportunities for youth under 18.

"Columbia Basin Trust takes an active role in developing opportunities for young people in the Basin," said Wayne Lundeberg, CBT Youth Initiatives Manager. "Our support of the City of Castlegar will provide the youth of this community with opportunities for realizing their visions and becoming more engaged."

The development of this strategy involves several components:

An online survey is inviting youth service providers and other members of the community to share their visions, ideas and perspectives on youth participation in the community. Open until October 29, the survey is available at www.youthcore.ca/castlegar.

A community forum, open to all, will present the results of the survey and encourage further discussion. The forum will take place November 25. For more information or to receive updates on the venue and time, contact cbtyouth@cbt.org.

A youth survey is being created in co-operation with Castlegar youth and launched with the support of Stanley Humphries Secondary School. Currently in draft form, the survey will be presented to youth November 1.

Youth visioning sessions took place in five local classrooms, focusing on youth perspectives, experiences and suggestions for youth participation in Castlegar. Participants mapped the community's safe spaces and favourite hangouts; identified issues about, concerns about and barriers to participating in positive activities; and identified hopes and dreams for the future.

For more information, contact Michelle d'Entremont, CBT Basin Youth Liaison, at 1.800.505.8998, 250.304.1665 or mdentremont@cbt.org.

Through CBT Youth Initiatives, CBT works within communities across the Basin to support an active youth culture. To learn more about CBT Youth Initiatives or for a chance to become involved, visit www.cbt.org/Youth.

CBT VP Moving on to Waneta Expansion Project

Monday, October 04, 2010

Wally Penner joins SNC-Lavalin as Regional Project Manager

Wally Penner, Vice President of Community Partnerships, is leaving Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) to join SNC-Lavalin Inc. as the Regional Project Manager for the Waneta Expansion Project, announced Neil Muth, CBT President and CEO.

"This is an exciting opportunity for Wally to literally be a part of building a legacy that both present and future generations will benefit from; however, he will be missed at CBT," said Muth. "Wally has been a mentor to both myself and many of our staff, and has significantly contributed to our efforts to assist residents and communities in the Basin. There is no question that Wally's heart and commitment is to the people in this region. On behalf of the Board and staff, we wish him every success in his new role."

Penner began his position with CBT in January 2007, following an extensive career in the Basin focused on consultation and engaging communities in meaningful, productive ways. He also worked with Columbia Power Corporation (CPC) for 12 years where he was the Regional Representative for the construction of the Arrow Lakes Generating Station and the Brilliant Expansion Project.

"I have a strong appreciation for the mandate and role CBT fulfills here in this region, and I am especially proud to have been able to help strengthen the ties and partnerships between CBT and the communities around the Basin over the past four years," said Penner. "While leaving CBT was not an easy decision, this opportunity with SNC-Lavalin is a chance to bring my project management experience working at CPC to the Waneta Expansion" a project that will continue the legacy we began in 1995 between CPC and CBT."

SNC-Lavalin Inc. is the preferred proponent selected to design and construct the Waneta Expansion Project.

"Wally brings an incredible amount of experience, and knowledge of the area and the people in this region," said Royden Heays, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc. "We are looking forward to having him on board to help make this project a success for the partners, the contractors and workers, and the community."

CBT delivers economic, social and environmental benefits to the residents of the Columbia Basin. To learn more about CBT programs and initiatives, visit www.cbt.org or call 1.800.505.8998.

CBT Supports Ainsworth Community Hall Restoration Efforts

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Ainsworth Community Hall will be restored thanks in part to a \$25,000 grant from CBT. The restoration will ensure the hall is structurally sound for the coming decades, will provide safer and better access for residents and safer drinking water, and will be more attractive to visitors. Other organizations that are generously contributing to the project include: RDCK, Area D; Ainsworth Recreation Association; Ainsworth Hot Springs Resort; Presidential Homes & Estates; and Ainsworth Sand and Gravel.

Workshops on Social Enterprise

Tuesday, September 07, 2010

Staff and board members of non-profits that are considering launching, expanding or strengthening their involvement in social enterprise, or those that are new to social enterprise altogether, are invited to two orientation sessions hosted by Enterprising Non-profits (enp). They take place October 4 in Nelson and October 14 in Invermere.

The sessions will cover the definition of and reasons for starting a social enterprise, and issues that can come up in social enterprise development. There will be a review of the enp grant requirements and priorities, and each session will qualify participating organizations to apply for enp funding.

For more information, visit www.enterprisingnonprofits.ca.

RELATED ITEMS

 enp Orientation Sessions Poster (173.77 KB)

Using Social Media to Further Your Cause

Monday, September 13, 2010

Individuals from non-profit organizations in the Columbia Basin are invited to attend Facebook, Websites, Blogs and More: Using Social Media to Further Your Cause, to be held Friday, October 22, 2010, in Revelstoke. Hosted by the Kootenay Boundary Community Services Co-operative (KBCSC), the event is being put on in collaboration with community partners in Revelstoke and with support from Columbia Basin Trust.



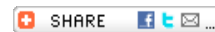
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[Learn more about social media at KBCSC's October 22 event.](#)

The morning event will feature Rik Logtenberg from Yellowseed Web Development Studio, who will introduce participants to the fundamentals of social media and outline strategies and techniques for using social media to take non-profit organizations to the next level.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

CBT and KBCSC work in partnership to strengthen Columbia Basin non-profit community service agencies, which includes providing local professional development opportunities for boards and staff. For more information on this partnership and CBT's other Social Initiatives, visit <http://www.cbt.org/social>.





2010 Symposium Program

Nearly 300 people from communities throughout the Columbia Basin attended the 2010 Columbia Basin Symposium: Shaping Our Future Together: Take Action, Build Partnerships, Strengthen Communities. Hosted by Columbia Basin Trust (CBT), the free Symposium took place October 22 to 24, 2010, in Revelstoke.



[View photos from Symposium](#)

The event sought to engage key leaders and residents active in their communities to collectively look toward the future of the Columbia Basin, while also discussing and addressing some of today's key issues. The Symposium included several facilitated sessions covering economic development, alternate energy, community engagement and building resilient organizations. Information presented at these sessions can be found in the [Presentation Section](#). Videos will also be made available in the coming weeks.

Basin residents were able to connect with one another to discuss issues affecting daily life in their communities, and identify possible responses and strategies to deal with those issues. [Download a PDF of the program.](#)

An evening of cultural entertainment featuring local and Basin talent was open to the public on Saturday evening. Photos from the event can be viewed on [CBT's flickr site](#).

Keynote Speaker - David Beurle

Founder and Managing Director Innovative Leadership Australia

David holds a firm conviction that the future of rural and regional areas, lies in the hands of the local people. He created Innovative Leadership, with the mission of bringing the tools and skills to the people who care the most - the people who choose to make rural towns, centers and regions their home.

He has a passion for rural life; having been raised on a farm and having worked all his life in, and with, rural communities.

His career has covered a wide range of experiences - from working for many years in the remotest parts of northern Australia, where cattle ranches are often over one million acres; to working at the highest levels of Government, with eight years as the 'right-hand man' to a senior Australian Cabinet Minister; the Western Australian Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries. This also included a short diversion as the producer of a pilot TV series that explored and showcased innovation in rural areas.

David's experience covers a similar breadth; from working on the ground with farmers and Aboriginal communities; to building international trade relations and strategic alliances between Australian farmers and their markets in Egypt, China, India and Europe. David has now provided leadership training to thousands of people and has worked extensively with hundreds of communities and regions across North America and Australia as they reinvent and revitalise themselves.

These days, David splits his time between Australia and North America, as he pursues his passion for community revitalization and creating vibrant and prosperous regions. Until recently he served on the Board of Directors of the Western Australian Community Foundation. His work in community and economic development has earned him - and his work - international, national and State awards.

For more information visit David's website, www.ila.net.au/.





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Get Outdoors in the Kootenays

A provincially-sanctioned, professional development conference for educators.

October 22-24, 2010

**Blue Lake Forest Education Centre
East Kootenay, BC**

EEPSA and the [Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network](#) are collaborating together to deliver a PSA conference you won't forget! Immerse yourself in experiential learning with fellow educators amongst rustic cabins and inspiring mountain views. Learn how the BC Ministry of Education's Environmental Learning & Experience framework supports environmental and sustainability education and the tools to help you deliver it across the curriculum. Network and dialogue about new ideas in the field while exploring local ecology and hot springs!



TAKE HOME WORKSHOP TOOLS & TEACHING RESOURCES

- BC Ministry of Education's Environmental Learning & Experience (ELE) Framework
- Get Outdoors! An Educators Guide to Outdoor Classrooms in Parks, School Grounds & other Special Places
- Unpacking Natural History & Creating Teachable Moments on the Trails

CONFERENCE INCLUDES:

- Friday night discussion panel: ***A Vision for EE in BC***, with guest speakers from EEPSA, CBEEN, and Simon Fraser University.
- Saturday workshops, open space forum, and ethnobotany hike.

- All meals, accommodation, and materials.

[Download Conference Schedule](#) (PDF)

Share knowledge, practices & ideas for delivering richer environmental learning, and build curriculum-wide environmental literacy amongst rustic cabins and inspiring mountain views.

Contact admin@cbeen.org for more information.

Register with the College of the Rockies at 250-427-7116 ext 3752. \$50 per person.



This conference is possible thanks to the generous support of our sponsors:
Columbia Basin Trust, BC Hydro, the BC Teachers' Federation and Walking the Talk/The BC-North Cascades United Nations Regional Centre for Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development.



An Evening of Cultural Entertainment

Columbia Basin Trust invites you to join them for an evening immersed in the Basin's cultural entertainment on Saturday, October 23 from 7:00-9:30 pm in downtown Revelstoke. A self-guided tour has been designed to include: an excursion of Revelstoke's rich culture, a splendid viewing of Basin films and a lively showcasing of music by performers from across the Basin. Comprising this tour are three wonderful museums, two visual arts venues and a common area to come together with your fellow cultural enthusiasts and dance in the street! This event is intended to be all inclusive, offering a little of everything.

Attendees will customize their own evening schedule and take in any, or all, of the venues, for as long as they would like. Most of the attractions are centrally located in the downtown core; all are easy to walk to and are sure to stimulate the senses no matter what you choose to experience. Be sure to come to the main gathering place, at the Grizzly Plaza, where we will have an information booth set up to assist you with anything you may need, including a hot chocolate to warm you up! Maps will be provided to help you easily locate the various venues. This event is free of charge to the symposium attendees, as well as everyone else who would like to come.

Grizzly Plaza

- 7:00pm** The Moving Mosaic Community Samba Band (Nelson)
7:30pm Peter Stevens, Akisqnuq First Nations Band, Hoop Dancer (Columbia Valley)
7:45pm Heather Gemmell, Folk singer and guitarist (Cranbrook)
8:15pm Peter Stevens, Akisqnuq First Nations Band, Hoop Dancer (Columbia Valley)
8:30pm Maritime Kitchen Party Band (Revelstoke)
9:15pm Closing of Event
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United Church

- 7:00pm - 7:30pm** Films from across the Basin
7:30pm - 8:30pm Ktunaxa Nations Storyteller, Joe Pierre.
8:30pm - 9:00pm Films from across the Basin (repeat)
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Museums and Art Galleries

- 7:00pm - 9:00pm** All museums and art galleries are open for tours and viewings at no charge, on a first come first serve capacity basis. Please customize your own schedule to best suit your personal interests .
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EKCP Workshop

27 October 2010

Register today

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Or in person at
College of the Rockies
Cranbrook Campus
Mon-Fri 9am - 4pm

the economics of private land conservation

carbon credits • tax incentives • eco auctions

Participants will learn about the economic value of conservation on private land and conversely, the value of keeping land for conservation.

Morning

- 8:30 EKCP Annual General Meeting
Partners invited to participate
- 9:15 Welcome - Workshop formally begins
Wayne Stetski [Manager, EKCP]
Kathryn Teneese [Chief Negotiator, Ktunaxa Nation]
Dr. Laura Cooper - [Dean, COTR]
- 9:30 Wayne Stetski
East Kootenay Conservation Program
- 10:00 **Health Break**
- 10:15 Dr. Peter Boxall [University of Alberta]
Wetlands Conservation, BMPs and Economic Incentives to Change Land Use
- 11:00 Blair Hammond [Canadian Wildlife Service]
Tax Incentives to Encourage the Conservation of Ecologically Sensitive Land
- 11:30 **Lunch [COTR Cafeteria - BBQ]**

Afternoon

- 1:00 EKCP 2010 Recognition Awards
- 1:15 Briony Penn [Manager, Living Carbon Investments, Land Trust Alliance BC]
Carbon Credits
- 3:00 **Health Break**
- 3:15 Sylvia von Schuckmann [Ministry of Environment - Agriculture Specialist]
Sustaining Biodiversity Within Agricultural Landscapes
- 4:00 Wayne Stetski
Summary of the Day's Learnings
- 4:30 Adjournment

College of the Rockies
Cranbrook Campus
Lecture Theatre #250

EKCP



East Kootenay Conservation Program

Conserving natural areas for Kootenay Communities

Workshop provided by EKCP in partnership with COTR and financial assistance from the Ministry of Environment Provincial Agriculture Zone Wildlife Program, as well as funding from:



CBT Supports Nakusp's Economic Opportunity Planning Initiative

Friday, September 03, 2010

Nakusp and area residents will have a chance to discuss the region's economic future during From the Ground up: Exploring Economic Opportunity for Nakusp and Area. The series of community consultation meetings—hosted by the Nakusp and District Chamber of Commerce—will commence this fall thanks to a \$9,800 grant from Columbia Basin Trust.

The series of six to eight sessions will kick off Wednesday, October 27, 2010, with a keynote address by Victor Cumming, Economist and Managing Principal of Westcoast CED Consulting Ltd. For 30 years, Cumming has helped rural communities deal with rapid change and implement strategies to survive and prosper. The session takes place at 7 p.m. at Nakusp Seniors' Hall.

Subsequent meetings are planned to explore challenges and opportunities in specific industries such as forestry (November 3), land development and construction (November 24), tourism (December 2) and agriculture (TBA).

For more information: Bob Toews 250-265-9951, Laurie Page 250-265-4542 or Kim Reich 250-265-3839.

Calendar of Events

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