

These board highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **January 27/28, 2023**, which was held in Fairmont Hot Springs, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Board elected Jocelyn Carver as Chair of the Trust Board of Directors and David Raven as Vice-Chair. Learn more at ourtrust.org/board.
- The Board approved the budget for 2023/24 which included \$55 million for Delivery of Benefits activities. Our work is guided by the [Columbia Basin Management Plan Strategic Priorities 2020-2023](#) (CBMP) developed in consultation with Basin residents in 2020.

The Trust will provide support to communities through programs and initiatives that address the six strategic priorities in the CBMP: community well-being, ecosystem enhancement, high-speed connectivity, housing, local food production and access, and support for business renewal, plus integrate climate resilience and working with Indigenous Peoples into our work.

Learn more about Trust programs and initiatives at ourtrust.org/ourwork.

- The Board approved the draft *Columbia Basin Trust Service Plan for 2023/24 – 2025/26*, which outlines Trust goals, budget details, performance measures and related targets and financial forecasts, that will be presented in February to the BC Legislature as part of the Province's annual budget. The Service Plan can be viewed at ourtrust.org/serviceplan as of February 28, 2023.
- In January, the Trust launched the Our Trust, Our Future public engagement process that will include in-person open houses and facilitated conversations in April and May held in over 20 communities throughout the Basin region. There will also be virtual meetings and an online survey available.

Save the date for your local community meeting and learn more about Our Trust, Our Future at ourtrust.org/future.

- The following is the 2023 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - March 24/25 Revelstoke
 - May 24/25 Salmo
 - July 21/22 Fernie
 - September 15/16 Kaslo/Ainsworth (AGM)
 - November 24/25 Nelson

All Board Meeting locations are subject to change due to revisions in Public Health Authority protocols.

- Board meeting minutes are posted to the Trust website after they have been approved by the Board at the following meeting. View minutes here: ourtrust.org/publications.