

These board highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **November 24/25, 2023**, which was held in Nelson, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Board discussed the recent low water levels on Arrow Lakes and the complex factors related to climatic conditions and Columbia River Treaty operations and requirements that have led to the recent atypically low reservoir levels and their impacts.

The Board further discussed the Treaty roles of the Province, BC Hydro, Treaty negotiating team, as well as the Treaty Local Governments' Committee which is informing the current negotiations with Basin residents' perspectives on domestic issues. The Committee has developed recommendations on the future of the Treaty, based on engagement with Basin residents and provided them to the Treaty negotiating team. Those recommendations are available here: [Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee](#).

- The Board was provided information on the U.S. authorities' response and implications of the detection of quagga mussel larvae at Twin Falls, Idaho on the Snake River. Alongside the Province and other partners, the Trust and Columbia Power Corporation support the [Invasive Mussel Defence Program](#), which aims to prevent the introduction of zebra and quagga mussels into BC. The Program's prevention efforts are focused on inspecting boats, monitoring lakes, educating the public and coordinating actions with neighbouring jurisdictions.
- The Board approved increases to several current Delivery of Benefits programs within the scope of the previously approved budget for overall Delivery of Benefits programs and initiatives for the fiscal year 2023/24.
- The Board discussed the draft consolidated budget for the fiscal year 2024/25. The Budget will be brought forward to the Board for final approval, alongside a detailed budget for 2024/25 Delivery of Benefits programs and initiatives, at the Board Meeting in January 2024.
- Selkirk College President and Vice President, Education & Students presented the Board an update for information on the College's key program areas, social mandate, current initiatives, and a summary of recent collaborative projects undertaken with the Trust.
- The following is the 2024 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:

• January 26/27	Fruitvale
• April 5/6	Elkford / Sparwood
• May 24/25	Golden
• July 19/20	New Denver
• September 27/28	ᑭᐱᑭᐱᑭ / Cranbrook (AGM)
• November 22/23	Creston
- 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.