

These board highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **September 27/28, 2024**, which was held in ʔaąam/Cranbrook, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Trust held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, September 26 both online and in person at the St. Eugene Resort in ʔaąam. During the event, highlights from the 2023/24 Annual Service Plan Report were shared, along with examples of key initiatives and projects that have positively impacted the region. Approximately 50 people attended in person, with an additional 80 participants joining virtually via Zoom and Facebook.

Read the Annual Service Plan Report at ourtrust.org/annualreport.

A recording of the AGM can be viewed at ourtrust.org/agm.

- The Board approved a draft Housing Development Plan which proposes an expanded role for the Trust in directly supporting affordable housing development, particularly in smaller, rural communities across the region. A final version of the Plan, outlining a three-year strategy, will be presented to the Board for approval in early 2025.
- The Trust's activities are guided by the renewed [Columbia Basin Management Plan](#) (CBMP). As part of moving forward with the implementation of the CBMP, the Board approved a revised approach for resident involvement in the advisory bodies that provide the Trust with community perspectives, subject matter expertise and strategic advice on specific issues/sectors to support our activities. New task force recommendations will be brought forward for Board decision in early 2025.
- The Board welcomed representatives from the Northwest Power & Conservation Council (Council), including the Vice-Chair, Executive Director, General Counsel and Staff, who provided an information session on the Council's activities. This session was part of the ongoing transboundary relationship between the Trust and the Council. Learn more about their work at nwcouncil.org.
- The Board welcomed Kathy Eichenberger, Executive Director, Columbia River Treaty Review Branch, who provided an information session on the Columbia River Treaty Agreement-in-Principle. Learn more at engage.gov.bc.ca/columbiarivertreaty.
- The following is the 2024 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - November 22/23 Creston
- The following is the 2025 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - January 24/25 Castlegar
 - April 4/5 Kimberley
 - May 23/24 Valemount
 - July 25/26 TBD
 - September 19/20 Radium (AGM)
 - November 28/29 Nelson
- 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.