These board highlights offer a general summary of discussion items and key decisions from the Board of Directors meeting held on **April 4/5**, **2025** in Kimberley, BC. Confidential topics, including business negotiations, personnel matters and legal issues, are not included.

The Board approved the terms of reference and membership appointments for the four new task forces focused on advancing the Trust's efforts in clean energy, local food, housing, and water. Further details on the task forces and their work will be shared publicly in the coming months.

Learn more at ourtrust.org/taskforces.

- The Board participated in a professional development session on Cultural Burning with Marty Williams, an Elder and former elected Council member of the ?aqam community within the Ktunaxa Nation. The session explored the use of fire as a tool for forestry and environmental protection, its diverse benefits, and its role in safeguarding communities.
- The Board reviewed an evaluation of the Trust's business advisory supports and approved a three-year renewal for the expanded delivery of the Basin Business Advisors Program (BBA). Launched in 2000, BBA helps Basin businesses build resilience, adapt to challenges, expand their operations, and create local employment. Learn more at bbaprogram.ca.
- Here is the 2025 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:

May 23/24 Nakusp

• July 25/26 Valemount

- September 11-13 Radium (AGM)
- November 28/29 Nelson
- Board meeting minutes are posted on the Trust website after approval at the subsequent meeting. View the minutes here: <u>ourtrust.org/publications</u>.