The Board Highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Columbia Basin Trust (the “Trust”) Board of Directors’ meeting on May 29/30, 2015 held in Revelstoke, BC. These exclude confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The 2014/15 Annual Service Plan Report (Annual Report) and the 2014/15 Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ending March 31, 2015 were approved. The Annual Report, including the Consolidated Financial Statements, will be available at www.cbt.org/publications when the provincial Public Accounts are released in mid-July.

- The Board discussed the preliminary recommendations from the Our Trust, Our Future engagement process which will form the basis of the renewed Columbia Basin Management Plan Strategic Priorities which will be finalized this fall. Preliminary details of the direction the Trust will be taking over the next five years and the analysis done to date will be outlined at www.cbt.org in late June.

- The Board approved funding for a potential partnership between the Trust, regional invasive species councils and the Province to support boat decontamination stations to help address significant threats posed by aquatic invasive species, such as zebra and quagga mussels. The project would be part of a broader, three year partnership with the four invasive species councils in the Columbia Basin to implement coordinated invasive species outreach and prevention across the Basin.

- The Board approved an honorarium for members of the Trust’s Advisory and Grant Evaluation Committees. These committees guide the Trust’s activities in ways that are both responsive to community needs and based on leading expertise. The Trust wishes to recognize members for their valuable contribution of time and knowledge. Learn more about the role of Trust advisory committees at www.cbt.org/advisorycommittees.

- Following is the 2015 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
  - September 18/19 Nakusp
  - November 27/28 Castlegar

- Following is the 2016 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
  - February 12/13 Nelson
  - April 8/9 Sparwood
  - May 27/28 Valemount
  - September 23/24 Kaslo
  - November 25/26 Trail

- Board minutes from previous meetings can be viewed here.

Residents are always welcome to attend the public component on the first day of the Trust’s Board meetings. If you wish to make a specific presentation to the Board, please contact Jane Medlar at 1.800.505.8998 or jmedlar@cbt.org so we can best allocate time on the agenda.