

This Board Highlights provides a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **February 12/13, 2016** which was held in Nelson, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Board approved the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation Strategic Plan for 2016. The objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan will guide the Trust's work in the area of broadband over the next year and can be found online here www.cbt.org/broadband.
- In order to bring greater telecommunications industry expertise to the Trust's Broadband initiative, the Board appointed Andrew Kyle and Rick Leggett to the Board of Directors of Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation (CBBC), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Trust. They join the CBBC Board along with Trust Director Rhonda Ruston for a one year term effective April 1, 2016.
 - Andrew Kyle, based in Nelson, was the founder of MetroNet Communications and currently serves as Chairman of the Board for Otono networks.
 - Rick Leggett, based in Victoria, is retired after a lengthy career with TELUS Communications, which included oversight for Vancouver Island and Interior BC network operations as well as all services to Government of BC, Crown Corps and Health Authorities, and he now provides consulting services.
- The Board approved a framework in principle for a new Climate Resilience Program that would support communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change impacts, such as flooding and wildfires. The program builds on the work of the Trust's previous climate change initiatives—the Communities Adapting to Climate Change Initiative (2008 to 2015) and Carbon Neutral Kootenays (2009 to 2014)—and advances Trust activities to meet the *Environment Strategic Plan 2014-2019* goal to address climate change. Learn more at www.cbt.org/environment.
- The *Columbia Basin Trust Service Plan for 2016/17 – 2018/19*, which outlines Trust goals, performance measures and related targets and financial forecasts, was presented in BC Legislature on February 17, 2016 as part of the Province's annual budget. The Service Plan can be found on the Trust website at www.cbt.org/serviceplan.
- The Trust is hosting the 2017 Columbia Basin Symposium at the Kimberley Conference Centre on October 13-15, 2017 in Kimberley, BC. The Trust is committed to hosting a Basin-wide symposium, typically every three years. These events are intended to be meaningful opportunities for Basin residents to connect with the Trust and with each other around common issues, and to celebrate our collective accomplishments. Learn more here www.cbt.org/symposia.
- The following is the 2016 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - April 8/9 Sparwood
 - May 27/28 Valemount
 - September 23/24 Kaslo
 - November 25/26 Trail

- The following is the 2017 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - February 3/4 Cranbrook
 - April 7/8 Golden
 - May 26/27 Rossland
 - September 22/23 Kimberley
 - November 24/25 Invermere

- 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.