

This Board Highlights provides a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **November 27/28, 2015** which was held in Castlegar, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- Chair Greg Deck, who has served on Columbia Basin Trust's Board of Directors since its inception in 1995, and Director Kim Deane, who has served since 2009, will be retiring from the Trust's Board of Directors as of December 31, 2015. The Trust thanks them both for their dedicated service to the residents of the Basin.
- The Board elected Rick Jensen as Chair of the Trust Board of Directors and Laurie Page as Vice-Chair effective January 1, 2016.
- Also appointed to the Board effective December 31, 2015 are Michael Delich and Rhonda Ruston. Michael is an active entrepreneur, community leader and sport leader from Fernie, and Rhonda conducts a general law practice in Kaslo and is an active community leader.

Learn more about the Trust Board at [www.cbt.org/board](http://www.cbt.org/board).

- The Board approved the budget for the coming fiscal year of 2016/17. The Trust's Service Plan provides budget details and will be made available online in February 2016.
- The Board approved two new program initiatives that have evolved from the *Columbia Basin Management Plan Strategic Priorities 2016-2020* which outlines the Trust's areas of focus for supporting Basin residents and communities. The document can be found online at [cbt.org/cbmp](http://cbt.org/cbmp).
  - The Board approved a high level strategic plan for economic development intended to be a regional, proactive agency focused on economic and business development in the Basin with a long-term focus. Work is currently under way to finalize a business plan in the next six months.
  - The Board approved \$3 million annually for the next three years for the development and implementation of a Recreation Infrastructure Program which will focus on increasing and improving recreation infrastructure and access to recreation opportunities in the Basin. This funding program is expected to launch in spring 2016.
- The Board approved \$4.2 million per year for the next five years for the Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs. In addition, the new amounts will form the baseline level of funding moving forward. This new approach replaces our population-based model and will provide stability and predictability for the community projects supported through this program.
- The Board approved \$4.65 million over three years toward a Basin Youth Network to support communities to provide engagement, leadership development and capacity building for youth aged 12 to 18. The network will also include Trust support for a Regional Coordinator, capacity and program development, and Basin events. This network builds on, and replaces, the successful Community Directed Youth Funds program.

- The Board approved a \$500,000 funding commitment to the Kootenay Association of Science and Technology to support the creation of the Metallurgical Industrial Development Acceleration and Studies (MIDAS) Initiative. MIDAS is an applied research initiative designed to investigate opportunities using rapid prototyping technologies and to conduct research into uses for by-products from Teck's smelting process.
- The Board approved the appointment of Michele Sam to the Social Advisory Committee effective January 1, 2016 for a three year term expiring January 1, 2019. Ms. Sam is ᑭᓄᓐᓂᓄᓐ of the Ktunaxa Nation, resides in Kimberley, and has extensive experience in the fields of Early Childhood, Community and Human Development through education, research and governance.
- The 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
- 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](mailto:jmedlar@cbt.org) so we can best allocate time on the agenda.