

This Board Highlights provides a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **September 18/19, 2015**, and Annual General Meeting on **September 18, 2015**, which were held in Nakusp, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Board approved the *Columbia Basin Management Plan Strategic Priorities 2016–2020*. This document outlines the ways the Trust supports Basin residents and communities and the organization's strategic priorities over the next five years; these were developed as a result of input from the Trust's recent Our Trust, Our Future engagement process. The document can be found online at cbt.org/publications in mid-October.
- The Trust held its Annual General Meeting. This focused on the presentation of the *2014/15 Annual Service Plan Report*, which is available online at cbt.org/annualreport.
- The Board approved the appointments of Wendy Booth and Am Naqvi to the Board of Directors of the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation. Learn more about the Trust's broadband initiative at cbt.org/broadband.
- The Board approved up to \$500,000 over the next three years for the Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network. This multi-year funding commitment will support the sustainability and continued development of this successful and widely recognized environmental education organization. Learn more about the Trust's environmental education initiatives at cbt.org/environmentaleducation.
- The Trust's land conservation initiative supports the securement and stewardship of lands for ecological conservation purposes, and supports the Trust's *Environment Strategic Plan 2014–2019*. (Learn more at cbt.org/landconservation.) In alignment with the initiative, the Board approved two land conservation decisions:
 - \$100,000 to help the Nature Conservancy of Canada acquire and carry out land stewardship activities on conservation lands currently owned by The Land Conservancy of BC.
 - \$841,000 to help the Nature Conservancy of Canada establish a conservation covenant on the 12 properties known as Windermere West.
- The following is the 2015 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - November 27/28 Castlegar
- 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 so we can best allocate time on the agenda.