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Youth Links Time!

According to Shauna Shkuratoff, Youth Links is not your average summer job.

Shkuratoff, an 18-year-old from Slocan Park, was part of this summer's Youth Links - a seven-week program that takes 20 Basin youth and four coordinators on a working tour of the Basin. At the end of the tour, the youth return to their communities to work on their own personal projects - the goal being to benefit themselves and their communities.

"I applied because I had heard nothing but positive stories about being a part of the team," says Shkuratoff. "I learned a lot about the Basin and had a lot of amazing experiences and opportunities. We were given room for personal development and a chance to make incredible friendships."

Some of the projects included stream restoration at Kokanee Creek and Wolf Creek near Wasa, trail building in Fernie, Invermere and Revelstoke, and volunteering at community events in Nelson, Cranbrook, Field and Winlaw.

"There is so much I am taking away with me from being part of the program," says Shkuratoff. "I have learned a lot about how to work as a team and how to be a leader. I also have a better sense about some of the environmental and economic issues in the Basin area."

Not only did the youth gain a great deal from the experience but the

four coordinators also experienced personal and professional benefits.

"I was really impressed by the commitment from the youth to work on the projects and really get as much out of the experience as they could," says Kelly Comishin, one of the coordinators. "I had the amazing honour of assisting these youth through what was one of the best summers of their life. As much as they learned from me, I learned double from them. These young adults have a lot to offer our communities. It gives me a lot of hope working with such awesome individuals."

One of the coordinators' jobs was to expose the youth to a broad range of people, professions, activities and learning environments.

"Being on the road was exciting, tiring, challenging and rewarding. The mornings were early and the evenings were always filled with educational workshops, special events or simply planning for the next day," says Comishin. "Our kitchen, office, broom closet, library, art supplies, garage, and bedroom all fit in to a few back packs and a bunch of Tupperware boxes which eventually filled the 15 passenger van to the brim."

According to Kelly, no one said it was easy, but they all said it was one of the best experiences of their life.

The \$150,000 Youth Links program is funded by the Columbia Basin Trust and managed by Earth Matters, a community-based organization in Nelson.

Summer program provides unique skills building, education experience



Photo: Jessica Manley

Shauna Shkuratoff (left) and Cora Jenkin (right) work on an interpretive trail in Invermere.

Community celebrates new plant



Photo: Jody Lamb

John Nunn, Joint Venture Project Director with Klohn Crippen/SNC-Lavalin, the consultant for CBT and CPC on the Arrow Lakes Generating Station, takes a group of residents on a tour of the facility.

Hundreds of Basin residents attended the third annual Community Day in September to celebrate the completion of the Arrow Lakes Generating Station near Castlegar.

The power plant and transmission line is a \$270 million development by the Columbia Power Corporation (CPC) and Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) to produce and transmit 185 megawatts of power - roughly enough power to supply all West Kootenay homes and small businesses.

At the peak of construction, the project employed more than 400 workers and injected more than \$75 million into the local economy.

"This project stands as a tribute to the vision and support shown by residents of the Columbia Basin," says Josh Smienk, Chair of the CBT Board of Directors. "It will continue to be a source of long-term income so CBT can continue to deliver benefits in the Basin."

Annual Report available

The CBT's Annual Report 2001-2002 is now available in hard copy format or electronically from the CBT website at www.cbt.org. Residents are encouraged to obtain the electronic format. If you are unable to access it, call 1-800-505-8998 or 1-250-365-6633 to have a hard copy mailed to you. Turn to Page 4 for the 2001-2002 financial highlights.

List of all projects funded in 2001-2002 on pages 9-11



Photo: East Kootenay Environmental Society

A large, noxious tap root weed is pulled from the banks of Mark Creek by an East Kootenay Environmental Society volunteer to allow newly planted vegetation to survive.

Recovering Mark Creek

Over the past 100 years, Kimberley's Mark Creek has been severely impacted by pollution from mining activity, urbanization, and man made changes to the stream channel.

Today, with the help of local residents, the Kimberley/Cranbrook branch of the East Kootenay Environmental Society is undertaking a program to clean up the creek.

"Long-time Kimberley residents recall a time when Westslope cutthroat trout were abundant in lower Mark Creek," says Helen Sander, Coordinator of the Mark Creek Recovery Program.

The program aims to restore ecological functioning, enhance the aesthetic and recreational potential, strengthen community stewardship, and maintain flood control on the creek.

"Some of the work being undertaken includes pulling noxious weeds from

the banks, replanting the bare banks with native bushes and small trees, and improving Westslope cutthroat trout habitat by creating more spawning, rearing and over wintering habitat," says Sander.

This year, the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) provided \$19,965 for the Mark Creek Recovery Program through the Community Environmental Projects program and \$3,000 through the Community Initiatives program. The Community Initiatives program provides funding to all communities in the Basin.

"CBT only stipulates that the funding decisions be made using a public community process and that the funds are not used to replace government responsibilities, such as municipal infrastructure," says Jean Terlesky, CBT Community Liaison.

"The Mark Creek Recovery Program is an excellent example of how a community has set a priority based upon the amount of local support and then used the CBT funds to help address that need."

In addition to restoration work on the creek, the Recovery Program promotes stewardship and awareness by leading school field trips to Mark Creek, producing a resource binder for teachers, visiting and gaining input from streamside residents and developing partnerships with other groups interested in restoring the creek.

"The support and hard work of Kimberley residents is a vital part of the success of this program," says Sander. "A number of streamside residents have offered to participate in the program in various ways. We've had Cadets, Brownies, numerous school students, and many residents volunteer their time to help with the program, as well as received financial support from many area businesses."

For more information on the Mark Creek Recovery Program contact Helen Sander at 1-250-427-5554 or email markcreek@monarch.net.

Be part of creating the legacy

The Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) is looking for Basin residents interested in helping CBT set funding priorities and develop programs to address these priorities.

The CBT has steering committees for each of the economic development, environment, social, education and training, and arts, culture and heritage sectors.

"The committees are made up of individuals with a variety of perspectives important to each sector and who represent the geographic diversity in the Basin," says Jane Hutchins, CBT Manager of Operations and Planning.

Sector Steering Committees, made up of 10-12 members, meet three to four times per year in various locations around the Basin. The term of

office is three years. Membership is voluntary. Travel and accommodation expenses incurred by members are reimbursed.

Individuals interested in becoming involved should write a one- to two-page letter indicating:

- ✓ Why you are interested in becoming involved with the CBT through this process.
- ✓ What key skills, knowledge and experience you can contribute to the sector committees.
- ✓ The kind and extent of community involvement you are currently engaged in (including references or names of people who support you in putting your name forward to the CBT. References may be on a separate page.)
- ✓ Other organizational memberships and affiliations.

CBT staff review the applications to select individuals who have the perspectives needed and to ensure there is geographic balance on the committees.

The names of selected individuals are then presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

If you are interested in applying to be a Sector Steering Committee member, please submit your application (preferably by email); attention Jane Hutchins to jhutchins@cbt.org
Subject: Sector Committee Recruitment
Applications can also be mailed or faxed to:
Sector Committee Recruitment
c/o Jane Hutchins
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From the Ground Up

Woodworking shop provided new skills, employment for Revelstoke women

Women in Revelstoke had a unique opportunity during the past year to increase entrepreneurial skills and improve self esteem by operating the From the Ground Up woodworking shop.

The Women's Business Initiative offered the program which builds quality wood products using waste wood from local mills.

"The goal of the From the Ground up woodworking shop is to develop employment opportunities for disadvantaged women in Revelstoke and to provide them with a decent living wage that allows them to live above the poverty line," says Sandy McKinnon, former Project Supervisor.

Through CBT's Community Initiative program, From the Ground Up received \$2,000 to help sustain operation of the shop for part of 2002. From the Ground Up ran from February 2001 to September 2002.

"Women were accepted into the program as long as they were ready, willing and able to start working," says Alan Mason, Board of Director.

After qualifying for the program, women were introduced to the shop, the tools and began training. Women trained for 1-2 hours a day, for 2-3 days a



Photo: Christina Hilborne

Kathy Devlin and Shelly Maki using the table saw at the From the Ground Up woodworking shop in Revelstoke.

week. When they were ready to start working it was generally with small projects such as sanding and finishing. The women worked in the shop on average about five hours a day.

The items the women built depended on the size of the wood they received from the local mills.

"Each morning the women would go to the local mill, and collect wood from the waste pile," says McKinnon. "Along with building tables, mirrors, picture frames, garden tool holders, apple boxes, jewelry boxes and other sorts of wood gift products, the women also worked on commission pieces."

This past summer Shelly Maki and Cathy Devlin took on a large production project. Hand crafting 60 wooden trophies for a baseball tournament in

Revelstoke.

"We came up with the design for the base of the trophy after working on a project for Parks Canada," says Maki. "Cathy and myself designed, hand cut and put together all of the wooden trophies which were made to resemble a sasquatch foot. It was a very rewarding experience to start the product from scratch and finish it through to completion."

From the Ground Up workers attended the BC wood show, gift shows in Vancouver and Edmonton, and the Revelstoke trade fair. Some of their products are also on display at the Revelstoke Art Gallery.

"Being part of this program has been an amazing experience for me," says Devlin. "I learned so much more than I ever thought I would."

Seeking input on social issues

The Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) is requesting input from Basin residents, groups and organizations on social program issues in the Basin.

The CBT wants to hear your thoughts about social issues and what is helping to address those issues or what could be developed to address social concerns in the Basin. This input will assist CBT in future program direction and implementation.

"It is important to hear what Basin residents have to say about social issues in the Basin because the programs CBT creates and offers ultimately affect the residents of this region," says Doug Switzer, CBT Community Liaison. "CBT wants to create programs that have a positive and beneficial impact to Basin residents."

To date, the CBT has implemented social programs in the areas of affordable housing, early childhood supports, families, and youth.

This is not a call for proposals and no contracts will be awarded as result of this request.

Please limit your written submission to no more than five pages. To have your written submission reviewed by CBT, please send it to:

Doug Switzer
Community Liaison
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Nakusp, B.C.
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Email: dswitzer@cbt.org



Photo: Jody Lamb

The Upper Columbia White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative released 2,000 juvenile and one adult female sturgeon into the Columbia River near Keenleyside Dam north of Castlegar in August as part of collective efforts to restore a naturally sustaining population of White Sturgeon in the Basin. White Sturgeon are the largest freshwater fish in North America. They spawn in only three river systems in North America - the Sacramento, Fraser and Columbia. These large fish have been known to grow up to six metres long (the length of a small school bus) and over 600 kilograms. The CBT provided \$22,500 in funding in 2001-2002 and \$50,000 in 2002-2003 to the Recovery Initiative.

Conference celebrates arts

The Nelson and District Arts Council is coordinating the fourth annual Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance conference 2002 Oct. 4-6 in Nelson.

The theme for this year is Our Basin: a Cultural Collective. The goal of the conference is to bring the diversity of the region together for three days, creating a strong voice for culture in the Basin.

Several workshops are being offered on a variety of topics this year including the ABC's of Artists in the Classroom, Effective Meetings and Board Development, and Holistic Life Planning for Artists.

"Everyone from all walks of life are invited to participate in this weekend," says Pat Henman, Conference Coordinator. "We believe arts, culture and heritage can enhance the quality of life of all, whether you are an artist, lover of art, or a believer in preserving our heritage."

For more information, contact Pat Henman at the Nelson and District Arts Council at 1-250-352-2405 or email at ndac@direct.ca.

CBT hosts tour of Basin

The Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) recently hosted representatives of the Northwest Power Planning Council (NWPPC) on a three-day tour of CBT funded projects in the Basin.

Project, and Wycliffe Land Trust in Kimberley; Columbia Lake; Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and Kicking Horse Pedestrian Bridge in Golden; and Kinbasket Reservoir near Revelstoke.

Tour delegates included Judy Danielson, NWPPC Vice Chair; Jim Caswell, Director of the Idaho Office of Species Conservation; Garry Merkel, CBT Board of Directors Vice Chair; John Harrison, NWPPC Communications; Kindy Gosal, CBT Community Liaison; Jody Lamb, CBT Communications; and Josh Smienk, Greg Deck, and Ron Oszust, CBT Board of Directors.



(L to R) Garry Merkel, CBT Vice Chair, Judy Danielson, NWPPC Vice Chair, Greg Deck, CBT Board Director, Jim Caswell, Director of Idaho Office of Species Conservation, and John Harrison, NWPPC Communications.

"I really appreciated the opportunity to see the Canadian Columbia River Basin first hand," says Danielson. "The international border separates our countries, but not the Basin we share. This tour gave Jim and I a better understanding of how closely our water, fish and wildlife are connected in the Basin. We look forward to working with the CBT on transboundary fish, wildlife and water issues in the future."

WHAT IS THE NORTHWEST POWER PLANNING COUNCIL?

The NWPPC was created by the U.S. Congress to give the citizens of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington a stronger voice in determining the future of key resources common to all four states - namely, the electricity generated at, and fish and wildlife affected by, the Columbia River Basin hydroelectric power dams.

The tour included visits to the Leopard Frog Recovery Project and the Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area in Creston; the Mark Creek Recovery Program, Miller Road Restoration

Project, and Wycliffe Land Trust in Kimberley; Columbia Lake; Kicking Horse Mountain Resort and Kicking Horse Pedestrian Bridge in Golden; and Kinbasket Reservoir near Revelstoke.

"Activities like this allow our two organizations to more fully understand the range of work we are involved in on both sides of the border so we can begin to develop cooperative transboundary initiatives," says Merkel. "We were glad to introduce our guests to the Canadian portion of the Columbia Basin and the people who live here. This is a positive step and we look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship between the CBT and the NWPPC."

The visit was arranged under the provisions of the CBT and NWPPC's Memorandum of Agreement, which designates the two vice chairs as official liaisons between the organizations. The Memorandum of Agreement commits CBT and the NWPPC to communicate on a regular basis, share information and pursue projects to improve fish and wildlife survival in the entire Basin area.

Merkel and Danielson also discussed cross-border collaboration and understanding.

As a follow up to these discussions, the vice chairs have agreed to meet in the late fall of 2002 to begin defining specific projects the two organizations can work on.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Fiscal Years Ended March 31	
	2002	2001
OPERATING RESULTS		
Total revenues	6,961,011	6,593,228
Net investment income	4,961,011	4,593,228
Total power project revenue	12,972,500	11,491,350
Net power project investment income	632,000	1,840,073
Return on investment deposits and securities	3.88%	4.93%
FINANCIAL POSITION		
Total assets	475,329,852	419,954,859
Long term debt	202,086,799	191,551,632
Endowment capital	266,149,679	223,989,390
SELECTED DATA		
Business loans	22,531,208	19,248,938
Power projects	233,585,500	178,331,462
Real estate projects	4,999,847	2,675,249
Delivery of benefit disbursements	4,771,788	4,248,922
Delivery of benefit commitments	3,870,165	3,918,242
Operating expenses	3,817,384	2,458,440

Visit www.cbt.org for CBT's complete 2001-2002 Financial Report.

BOARD of DIRECTORS

The Columbia Basin Trust currently has a 14-member Board of Directors. The Regional Districts of East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay Boundary, Columbia-Shuswap, and Fraser/Fort George each appoint two representatives. The Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council further appoints two members, and the Province of British Columbia appoints six members. The current Board has two provincial appointees.



Josh Smienk,
Chair,
Balfour



Garry Merkel,
Vice Chair,
Kimberley



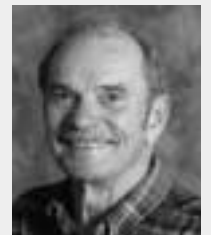
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Trail



Bill Cowan,
Nakusp



Greg Deck,
Radium Hot
Springs



Mike Kartasheff,
Fort Steele



Bill Kruisselbrink,
Valemount



Fred Parker,
Castlegar



Loni Parker,
Revelstoke



Joe Pierre,
Creston



Ron Oszust,
Golden



Jeanette Townsend,
Valemount



Deryll White,
Cranbrook



Gordon Titsworth,
Warfield

Investments benefit the region

The 2001-2002 year has been an exceptional one for Columbia Basin Trust's (CBT) power and non-power investments, starting with the opening of the Columbia Basin Building in Castlegar in April last year and ending with the completion of construction of the Arrow Lakes Generating Station in 2002.

The St. Eugene Mission Golf Course and Kicking Horse Mountain Resort both had their first full year of operations in 2002. The CBT has \$6.765 million invested in the St. Eugene Mission Golf Course in the form of a term loan and \$5.6 million in Kicking Horse Mountain Resort.

"The resort has received rave reviews from skiers and critics and is quickly becoming a must see destination for skiing enthusiasts," says Dave Strachan, CBT Manager of Investments. "Forecasted skier visits were exceeded well before the end of the season and the latest real estate development was completely sold out within days of being offered for sale."

The St. Eugene Mission Golf Course was rated third in the prestigious Golf Digest rankings of the best new golf courses in Canada.

"This is a very significant ranking in the golf industry, and we are extremely pleased about the benefits this brings to the course," says Strachan. "In 2001, the number of golf visits to St. Eugene exceeded expectations and the feedback

has been extremely positive. St. Eugene is quickly becoming the course of choice in the region for visiting golfers."

CBT's \$3.5 million venture capital investment - HeatWave Technologies Inc. - recently completed sales of its innovative kilns to companies in the wood products and food processing industries.

At the beginning of 2001, CBT started collecting rent on its Columbia Basin Building in Castlegar and a portion of the building was sold to the City of Castlegar. Through its real estate portfolio, the CBT also has \$1.3



Photo: Submitted
HeatWave's E-field vacuum kiln for drying wood.

million invested in Castle Wood Village, a 77-suite complex for seniors in Castlegar.

The completion of the Arrow Lakes Generating Station and commissioning of the generating units is a major milestone for the joint venture owners, the CBT and Columbia Power Corporation (CPC).



Photo: Don Weixl

The St. Eugene Mission Golf Resort was rated third in Golf Digest's rankings of the best new golf courses in Canada.

Proposal selected for Brilliant expansion

The Brilliant Expansion Powerplant Project is a step closer to construction.

The Brilliant Expansion Power Corporation (BEPC), a subsidiary of the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) and Columbia Power Corporation (CPC), recently identified a preferred design-build proposal from Skanska-Chant JV and SNC-Lavalin Inc. (the Brilliant Expansion Consortium).

"The proposals were innovative and well thought out," says Lorne Sivertson, President of CPC. "We would be well served by any of them. It was close, but the first-ranked pro-



Photo: Columbia Power Corporation

Artist's rendering of the proposed Brilliant Expansion Powerplant Project near Castlegar.

posal from the Brilliant Expansion Consortium offered the highest overall value."

A comprehensive review of the proposals was completed by a six-member panel supported by Klohn Crippen Acres and other technical advisors. It was conducted according to specified technical, environmental and socio-economic criteria.

The Brilliant Expansion Project now enters the evaluation stage during which BEPC will confirm the environmental/regulatory approvals received or seek proposal-specific amendments; finalize commercial arrangements and confirm project financial viability; finalize the design-build construction contract; ensure all related infrastructure agreements will be in place; and commence planning to meet community and regulatory commitments.

"We expect to be in a position to finalize the design-build contract before the end of 2002," says Bill Freeman, Project Manager. "Assuming everything else falls into place, including board approvals, we will then move from the development phase to the construction phase, which will provide significant economic and employment benefits for Castlegar and area."

The construction of a second powerhouse at Brilliant Dam will add approximately 100 megawatts of hydroelectric capacity on the Lower Kootenay River system near Castlegar. In addition to clean, renewable energy and other environmental benefits, the project will provide on-site employment for an average of 150 people over three years.

Telecommunications gains momentum

The Columbia Mountain Open Network (CMON) initiative for telecommunications continues to gain momentum.

Efforts at raising matching funds to the Columbia Basin Trust's \$592,000 contribution have been successful. The Regional District of

East Kootenay, District of Sparwood, Village of Silverton, Village of Montrose and Kootenay Association for Science and Technology contributed a total of approximately \$100,000 as of Sept. 1. At the request of School District #20 senior management, CMON developed a network pilot plan for the Premier's

Technology Council. The network enables School District #20 to participate in the National Research Council's E-learning initiative, as well as other innovative education programs.

Basin communities are also busy undertaking telecommunications

studies and surveys. The District of Sparwood completed its fibre-to-the-home study, which is in the review process. Meanwhile, the Village of Montrose initiated a survey of demand for broadband access in that community.

For more information about the CMON, visit www.cmon.ca or contact Jeff Roberts at info@cmon.ca.

Congratulations grads

Recipients of the 2002 community involvement scholarships

The Columbia Basin Trust annually awards up to 20 Youth and Community Involvement Scholarships to graduating students in the Basin who demonstrate a high level of involvement in their communities.

Each of the recipients receive a scholarship valued at up to \$8,000 or \$2,000 per year for four years.

To qualify, the recipients must be registered at any post secondary institution.

The Youth and Community Involvement Scholarship assists Basin graduates in pursuing post-secondary education/training and rewards and encourages the involvement of young people in their communities.

To be selected for this award candidates must:

- Demonstrate extensive involvement within a Columbia Basin community (exemplify community spirit).
- Display a focused effort towards improving a sense of community.
- Be eligible and have applied for acceptance at a post secondary institute.
- Currently attend school within the Columbia Basin.



Melissa Maione
Radium



Derek Cimolini
Sparwood



Jennifer Samin
Fernie



Alan Stremel
Marysville



Joseph Reiner
Salmo



Jennifer Busch
Revelstoke



Amanda Stevenson
Rossland



Kaitlin Pasqualotto
Trail



Nadine Harris
Lister



Shara-Lee Katerberg
Golden



Sonali Sharma
Elkford



Amanda Wilkinson
Valemount



Caleb Sheppard
Riondel



Devlin Coleman
Cranbrook



Heather Young
South Slokan



Thalia Tomlinson
Castlegar



Alison Leathwood
Kaslo



Ashley Posnikoff
Nakusp



Audrey Keith
Nelson

Keep an eye on Columbia Basin Trust's website or your local paper, or inquire at your school in February for more information about applying for next year's award.

Special recognition

CBT extends special recognition to the following students for their extensive involvement in their Basin communities:

Callie Chatten
Shauna Shkuratoff
Christopher Drobot
Genille Gimbel
Amanda Anderson
Nicole Bailey-Stewart
Erika Jahn
Nicole Tompkins
Lisa Ottenbriet
Sheena Wells
Nina Horvath
Tara Kowalchuk
Alana Paul
Zoe Read

Jodi Pickering
Jennifer Redfearn
Hanna Sander-Green
Alissa Henriet
Jessica Samy
Alexandrea Shmoorkoff
Ronda Melo
Noland Germain
Rachel Griffith
Holly Kohorst
Holly Kohorst
Miesha Louie
Ashley Filipe
Milissa Milo

Aaron Trozzo
Stuart Popp
Erin Teeple
Adam Doyle
Bianca Pecora
Joshua Young
David Cecchini
Kevan Gilbert
Danielle Larsen
Emma Fisher
Sharon McGeorge
Morgan Anderson
Leila Martin
Anne McEwen
Bret Bailey-Romanko
James Cummins
Jennifer Eunson
Tammy Whitehead



Photo: Submitted

A member of the Kootenay Robusters Dragon Boat Team poses with the dragon's head, which attaches to the front of the boat.

Team paddles for breast cancer awareness

"There is life after breast cancer," says Joy Andersen. "And that is one of the reasons we started our Kootenay Robusters team."

The Kootenay Robusters is a women's rowing team made up of breast cancer survivors that began in 2001 after a Trail nurse learned about the first dragon boat team, *Abreast in A Boat*, while she was undergoing breast cancer treatment in Vancouver.

The Kootenay team, which began its training in May 2001, placed third in its first race at the Alcan Dragon Boat Festival last June in Vancouver. In September the team raced in Kelowna, placing second in the Breast Cancer Challenge category. Funding of \$26,883 from the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) helped the team purchase their dragon boat.

"Some of the women on the team had never been involved in any kind of sport and it was really amazing to see these women who have been through breast cancer take on this challenge, set a goal and see how strong they really are," says Andersen, a breast cancer survivor and co-captain of the team.

The team includes breast cancer survivors and associate paddlers who join to support the survivors from Trail, Castlegar, Christina Lake and Grand Forks.

"The positive feeling women get by being involved on the team is unbelievable," says Andersen. "Being part of a team of women who have all been through the same experience is quite supportive. The camaraderie of the women and the confidence we all get is just amazing."

There are more than 50 breast cancer survivor teams worldwide competing at many Canadian and international dragon boat festivals.



Photo: Jody Lamb

Don Johnston, CBT Chief Executive Officer, receives a plaque of recognition from the Kootenay Robusters for CBT's contribution. Representing the Robusters are (L to R) Bernice Barrass, Lidia Sorenson and Joy Andersen.

Teen addresses suicide in Rossland

Sixteen-year old Katrina Ackerman of Rossland is working to prevent suicide among her peers.

With the help of a \$2,000 Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) grant through the Basin Youth in Communities Program, Ackerman is leading the internationally recognized Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program in her community.

"I first heard about the Yellow Ribbon Program after I read a story about it in the book called, *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul*," says Ackerman. "I wanted to bring this program to my school and other schools because I wanted to try and help people in my community."

In October, Barbara Lamoureux of the Yellow Ribbon Program will present a basic talk on the prevention of youth suicide and an overview of the Yellow Ribbon Program to schools in Rossland, Trail Castlegar and Nelson.

"The objective of this program is to help youth respond and prevent youth suicide. Saving lives will benefit each community even if it only reaches one person," says Ackerman.

The Yellow Ribbon Program encourages the distribution of yellow ribbon cards in schools, community centres, churches and youth centres. The card encourages young people to ask for help when they are in crisis.

"When someone is in a time of crisis they can give



Photo: Rachel Elkey

Katrina Ackerman (right) hands out Yellow Ribbon cards to fellow students Davina Chan (left) and Meghan Portz (middle) at Rossland Secondary School.

their card to someone they trust," says Ackerman.

The front of the card reads: "This Ribbon is a Lifeline. It carries the message that there are those

who care and will help. If you are in need and don't know how to ask for help, take this card to a counselor, teacher, clergy, parent or friend, and say, 'I need to use my yellow ribbon.'"

The backside of the card tells the person receiving the card how to respond and what to do.

"I felt there was a need to bring this program to my community to give kids another way to ask for help," says Ackerman.

"I made a presentation to the school board, and they approved my idea for a presenter from the Yellow Ribbon Program to come to our school. During the summer I have been coordinating and arranging which schools the speaker will go to, and basically getting everything ready for the presentation. Once the presenter is gone, I am going to continue promoting the project and following up with each school to make sure the program stays in place."

The CBT's Basin Youth in Communities is a funding program that supports youth-involved projects that address community issues related to youth, support the development of youth leadership, and encourage youth participation in project development, implementation and evaluation.

For more information about Basin Youth in Communities funding, contact Stacy Barter at 1-800-505-8998 or visit the website at www.cbt.org.

Capturing Fernie's history



Over 350 images by renowned Fernie photographer Joseph Frederick Spalding were donated to the Fernie and District Heritage Society by Spalding's great-nephew Robert Wallace. Spalding was a prolific photographer and the first promoter of Fernie as a tourist destination in the early 1900s. The photographic record left by Spalding is the most complete in existence for the early years of Fernie. His work contributes significantly to the understanding of Fernie's history. He was responsible for numerous publications about the Elk Valley and Crowsnest Pass, as well as auto-touring guides covering Western North America. At a time when Fernie was being touted as "The Pittsburgh of Canada" Spalding had a vision for the community as a tourist Mecca. Spalding's work was featured in a *Capturing History* exhibit at the Fernie Arts Station in August.

The Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) provided \$1,300 to the Society for this exhibit. CBT, through the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA), delivers \$200,000 in arts, heritage and culture funding each year. Visit the CKCA website at www.basinculture.com for more information about funding opportunities.



Top left: Unknown fisherman catching two Dolly Varden trout in the Elk River. Top right: Town of Waldo. Middle: Historic bridge in Fernie. Bottom: Tourists at Columbia Lake.

KOOTENAY RIVER BASIN

The HEADWATERS of the Kootenay River is in Kootenay National Park in British Columbia. Nearly two-thirds of the 780-kilometre long river, and almost three-fourths of its watershed area, is located within British Columbia.

LARGEST TRIBUTARY TO THE COLUMBIA RIVER IN CANADA

The RIVER FLOWS south within the Rocky Mountain Trench into the Kootenusa (short for Kootenay-Canada-USA) Reservoir created by the 127-metre tall Libby Dam, near Libby, Montana. The dam was completed in 1972 as part of the Columbia River Treaty to provide flood protection and generate additional hydroelectric power in the United States. The KOOCANUSA RESERVOIR is 144-kilometres long and has an annual average inflow of 10,615 cubic feet per second. Its tributaries receive runoff from 47 per cent of the Kootenay River drainage basin. The Kootenay, Elk, and Bull Rivers supply 87 per cent of the inflow. The Tobacco River and numerous small tributaries flow into the reservoir south of the border.



Kootenay Lake

The waters leave Kootenay Lake's west arm and flow south to join the Columbia River at Castlegar. In terms of runoff volume, the Kootenay is the second largest Columbia River tributary. The largest is the Snake River system in the United States.



Libby Dam

From the reservoir, the river turns west, passes through a gap between the Purcell and Cabinet Mountains, enters Idaho, and then loops north where it flows into Kootenay Lake.

The Columbia Basin Trust has a long-term initiative to address water issues in the Basin and raise awareness about these issues by educating residents. For more information about the Columbia Basin Trust's Water Initiative, contact Kindy Gosal at kgosal@cbt.org or call 1-800-505-8998.

THE KOOTENAY RIVER BASIN IS AN INTERNATIONAL WATERSHED ENCOMPASSING ABOUT 37,685 SQUARE KILOMETRES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, NORTHWEST MONTANA AND NORTHERN IDAHO. THE KOOTENAY RIVER ORIGINATES IN KOOTENAY NATIONAL PARK, NORTH OF MOUNT ASSINIBOINE, THE HIGHEST POINT IN THE BASIN AT 3,560 METRES. FROM THERE IT FLOWS 780 KILOMETRES THROUGH MONTANA AND IDAHO, EVENTUALLY RETURNING TO CANADA, THROUGH KOOTENAY LAKE AND INTO THE COLUMBIA RIVER AT CASTLEGAR.

Projects Funded

(April 1, 2001 - March 31, 2002)

Affordable Housing

Nelson and District Community Resources Society - Ward Street building purchase \$90,000
 Kaslo Housing Society - Senior's supportive housing project \$75,000
 Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society - Valemount Abbeyfield House \$64,000
 Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services - Mental health housing project \$55,000
 Trail Family and Individual Resources Society - Affordable Housing program delivery \$39,000
 Canadian Mental Health Association of the East Kootenay - Gatehouse Gardens, homeless-at-risk housing \$35,000
 Arrowtarian Senior Citizens' Society - Arrowtarian Rotary Villa phase 4 \$32,000

Arts, Culture and Heritage

Development Assistance Program

Sparwood Arts and Heritage Council - Development workshop \$1,000
 Cranbrook and District Arts Council - Arts council development \$1,000

Basin Cultural Conference

Fernie and District Arts Council - Basin Cultural Conference 2001 \$33,162.55

Community Projects Program

Arrow Lakes and Area

Arrow Lakes Arts Council - 25th anniversary celebration \$1,500
 Nakusp Roots Music Society - Nakusp Roots Music Festival \$2,000

Castlegar and Area

Kootenay Art Club - Acrylic workshop \$750
 Kootenay Columbia Child Care Society - Youth and Art: Building Sustainability \$1,000
 Sunflower Puppet Theatre - Production: Vasalisa and Baba Yaga \$1,000
 Cultural Interpretive Society - History of Doukhobors: pictorial quilt \$450
 Castlegar and District Heritage Society - Exhibit: Enhancements to museum \$800
 Vi Plotnikoff - CD: Mysterious Death of a Doukhobor Leader \$650

Columbia Valley and Area

Valley Voices - Purchase of choral music \$800
 Helen Kipp - Publication of scripts \$3,900
 Cranbrook and Area
 Kootenay Clover Clubhouse - Art therapy \$1,500
 College of the Rockies Culture Committee - Java, Jam and All That Jazz \$1,550

Creston and Area

Creston Art Club - Acrylic workshop and exhibit \$700
 Kootenay Lake Cloggers - Expansion of dance group \$500
 Creston Historical Museum Society - Improve display presentation \$700
 Beth Penny - Art Link News \$500
 Creston Concert Society - Synergy of Sounds \$1,000

Fernie and Area

Fernie Secondary School Media Arts - Video: The Artist Next Door \$3,000
 Elk Valley Writers' Guild - Writing: In the Belly of the Elk \$1,800

Golden and Area

Carl Trinkwon - CD: Weapons of Peace \$1,300
 Dawna-Lea Ringer - Columbia Marsh Up Close \$1,300
 Tangram Recording Studios - Columbia Valley music project \$1,300
 Ryan Kuhn - Poetry Book: Cairns and Basins \$1,300

Kimberley and Area

Tony Austin (Dragon Iron Forge) - Workshop: Ancient Art of Repousse \$1,500
 Benny Dobson - Publishing: children's stories \$870
 Robert Miller - Paintings: East Kootenay rural architecture \$1,000
 Kimberley District Heritage Society - Cemetery maps exhibit \$155
 Al Wozniak - Kimberley historical photo restoration \$1,475

North Kootenay Lake Area

Deb Borsos - The Sign Post Project \$375
 Nowick Gray - Roots Jam 2 \$850
 Stephanie Judy - Music: Reading Between the Lines \$750

Rik Valentine - Mini Maypole Research Project \$850
 Carol Ross - Art garments \$1,125

Kootenay Lake Clan Mothers Circle - CD: Songs of the Clan Mothers \$750

Nelson and Area

Kerri Neufeldt-Tate - Children's art exhibition \$1,210
 Nelson Museum, Art Gallery, Archives - Jackie Nedelec negative collection \$1,400
 Brian McLachlan - Millennium Mural: sealant \$1,500
 D.B. Wilton - Poetry: Dreaming Up the Moon \$900
 Natasha Smith - Print series: Impressions \$500
 Visions Alive Puppet Troupe - Production: The Tempest \$1,800

Dawn Rodman - Story: Hideous, Horrible Bart \$500
 BC Registered Music Teachers' Association - Young musicians showcase \$1,980

Revelstoke and Area

Revelstoke Community Art Project - City Hall fabric hanging \$3,000

Saskia Munroe - CD: A Christmas Dream \$2,000

Rossland and Area

Columbia Writers Studio - Workshop: David Arnason \$1,000

Manta Communication Group - Brochure: Artists of Rossland \$2,500

Rossland Light Opera Orchestra - Music library endowment \$500

Ingrid Baker - Watercolours of the Basin \$500

Sutherland Massage Productions - Video: Bridging the Gap \$1,000

Sparwood and Area

Sparwood Recreation Department - Pool wall mural \$4,500

Trail and Area

Steps Dance Company - Community performances \$2,100

Phyllis Weldon - Film: Beyond the Bend: Voices of Hope \$2,400



Photo: Rachel Elkey

CBT Board Vice Chair Garry Merkel (centre) works with members of the CBT youth delegation on defining a healthy ecosystem at the 2002 Transboundary Conference in Spokane April 27-May 1. More than 900 people from across North America attended the conference to develop strategies to improve water and land management practices in the Columbia River Basin in the United States and Canada. CBT provided \$15,000 in funding.



Photo: Cheryl Chapman

The Columbia Basin Trust was recently presented with a photo of the new Golden timber frame bridge (above) as recognition for the \$200,000 in funding CBT is providing over four years to the project through the Community Initiatives program. (Photo right, pictured L to R) Amand Virk and Chris Hambruck, Golden city councillors, Ron Oszust, CBT director, Red Scott, Mayor of Golden, Kindy Gosal, CBT Community Liaison, and (front row) Neha Virk, Saje and Kiran Gosal with a photo at the bridge.



Salmo and Area

Salmo Public Library - Writers in Libraries \$900

Salmo Doukhobor Society - Workshop: Doukhobor

Quilt Making \$450

Salmo Arts Council - Winterlude \$2,750

Tim van Wijk - Book: Right of Way \$700

Slocan Lake

Sandon Historical Society - Videos: Sandon of Yesterday \$1,500

Silvery Slocan Museum - Lancel restoration/interpretation \$700

Hidden Garden Gallery - Concert series: Evening Airs \$1,600

Slocan Valley

W.E. Graham Community Service Society - After School Art and Heritage Program \$850

Treecraft Woodworks - Attend Circle Craft \$750

Art Farm Society - More Skills for Youth \$1,000

Lou Lynn - Sculptures: Tools of the Trade \$1,400

Valemount and Area

Keith Burchnall - Music: Tales of the Robson Valley \$600

Lucille Mintz - Valemount fire hall mural \$1,000

Eva Sisko Porter - Valemount My Home \$500

Sharon Stearns - Theatre: Falling Out of Place \$800

David Pilcher - Children's picture book \$1,100

3 Valley Metis Association - Metis heritage crafts \$700

Capital Funding Program

District of Sparwood - Recreation department - Arts centre retrofit \$1,500

Kootenay Lake Historical Society - Environmental

monitoring equipment \$1,000

Arrow Lakes Arts Guild Gallery - Gallery track lighting \$1,500

Pynelogs Building Committee - Pynelogs restoration

\$2,200

Kimberley Arts Council/Centre 64 - Refinish dance

studio floor \$2,500

Key City Theatre Society - Theatre draperies \$1,500

Mentoring Program

Selkirk Weavers and Spinners Guild - Workshop: Jane Stafford \$600

Nelson University Centre - Writing workshop \$600

Kootenay Storytelling Festival - Workshops: Heritage storytelling \$700

Revelstoke Community Art Project - Workshops: Fabric arts \$850

West Kootenay String Teachers' Group - Workshop: String music \$1,000

Revelstoke Women's Writing Group - Workshop: Caroline Woodward \$850

Langham Cultural Society - Life Drawing course \$1,000

Colleen Trozzo - Heritage In My Hands: Drum Making \$1,000

Susie O'Donnell - Workshop: Theatre \$1,000

Touring Program

Brent Bukowski - Visual Art: Invasive Species \$2,000

Ann Alma - Literary tour \$800

Luanne Armstrong - Literary: Jeannie and the Gentle Giants \$1,200

Tom Lewis - Music: Mixed Cargo \$1,600

Performing Arts Coalition of the Kootenays - Music: Shapes of Love \$2,000

Sunflower Puppet Troupe - Puppet troupe tour \$900

Steps Dance Company - Steps Dance Explosion \$1,800

Kootenay Storytelling Festival - Storytelling: Joe Pierre \$900

ArtsSmarts Program

ArtStarts In School - ArtsSmarts \$30,000

Basin Business Advocates Program

Steele O'Neil and Associates Inc. - Basin Business Advocates Program delivery \$400,000

Community Environmental Stewardship and Education Program

Osprey Communications - Community Greenways \$20,000

Kaslo and District Chamber of Commerce - Nature at Night Festival \$18,400

Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Community Environmental Stewardship and Education program delivery \$13,866

School District #5 - Ethnobotanical Walks for students and teachers \$13,341

Wings Over the Rockies Birds Festival - Wild Voices for Kids \$12,000

North Columbia Environmental Society - Toxic Smart Home visit program \$11,850

Nelson and District Community Resources Society - Earth Matters - Summer Science \$11,000

Ktunaxa Kinbasket Tribal Council - Closing the Gap \$10,300

Bighorn Community Monitoring Program - Bighorn in Our Backyard \$9,400

North Columbia Environmental Society - Urban Forestry Plan Feasibility Study \$5,600

Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology - Creating bear aware communities \$5,000

Columbia Valley Botanical Gardens - Columbia Valley Botanical Gardens \$5,000

Osprey Communications - Columbia/Windermere Lakes Osprey survey \$3,850

North Columbia Environmental Society - Reducing pesticide use in Revelstoke \$3,100

School District #5 - Across Cultures - Cranbrook \$2,500

Fernie School District - Across Cultures - Fernie \$2,500

Kootenay Children's Festival - Kootenay Children's Festival \$1,811

Community Initiatives

Rotary Club of Golden - Pedestrian bridge \$50,000

Village of Valemount - Valemount interpretive centre \$50,000

City of Castlegar - Walkway \$38,000

Bonnington Regional Park Society - Regional park construction \$45,000

Mary Hallam - Mosquito control program \$29,400

Mercy for Youth Society - Mercy for Youth development centre \$27,000

Kootenay Robusters Society - Dragon Boat purchase \$26,883

Abbeyfield House Society - Abbeyfield House construction \$25,000

Nakusp Ski Club - Ski lift \$25,000

City of Cranbrook - Youth park/skateboard park \$24,000

Cranbrook Archives, Museum and Landmark Foundation - New facilities and relocation \$24,000

East Kootenay Alcohol and Drug Counselling Services Society - PARTY Program \$21,224.23

City of Nelson - Lakeside sports field \$20,202

Alexander Park Elementary School-Parent Advisory Council - Playground equipment partial purchase \$20,000

Navy League of Canada - Purchase of boats \$20,000

Community Connections Revelstoke Society - Development of Family and Youth Resources Society \$20,000

Revelstoke and District Rescue Society - Replacement of highway rescue vehicle \$20,000
Arrow Lakes Youth Society - Skateboard park \$20,000
Salmo and Area Senior Supportive Housing Society - Senior supportive housing \$20,000
City of Revelstoke - Community Initiatives program delivery \$18,555.10
Kaslo and District Arena - Board replacement \$18,000
Arrow Lakes Search and Rescue - Equipment \$16,486
Jaffray Volunteer Fire Department - Jaws of Life \$16,437.66
Revelstoke Nordic Ski Club - Trail expansion and bridge construction \$16,312
Community Futures Development Corporation of Greater Trail - Ventures in Youth \$15,000
Beaver Valley Search and Rescue - Equipment and training \$15,000
Regional District of East Kootenay - Community Initiatives program delivery \$15,000
Moyie Community Association - Playground and community recreation park improvements \$13,500
Fernie Women's Resource and Drop-In Centre - Elk Valley Connector \$13,267.08
Golden Family Literacy - Golden Families in Motion Program \$13,000
Youth for Kimberley Society - Recreational and educational programming \$12,470
BC Interior Forestry Museum Society - BC Interior Forestry Museum-year 2 \$12,000
BC Conservation Foundation - Revelstoke Bear Aware Program-year 3 \$12,000
Revelstoke Community Skills Centre - Youth employment coordinator \$11,000
Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology - Windthrow Study-year 2 \$11,000
Revelstoke Community Skills Centre - Community training initiative-year 2 \$11,000
Ha Ha Creek Watershed Stewardship Group - Edith Lake Dam reconstruction \$10,470
Valemount Marina Association - Enhanced recreation, fishing and camping facilities \$10,000
Mrs. B's Teen Drop-In Centre Association - Equipment purchase \$10,000
Lardeau Valley Community Hall - Face lift \$10,000
Shoreacres Recreation Society - Shoreacres Beach upgrade \$10,000
Nelson Rowing Club - Boathouse \$10,000
Earth Matters - Cottonwood Falls \$10,000
Ktunaxa Kinbasket Tribal Council - Community legacy component \$10,000

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary - Community Initiatives program delivery \$9,452
Community Connections Revelstoke Society - Living Violence Free-phase II \$9,300
Village of Valemount - Community Initiatives program delivery \$9,085
Revelstoke Cycling Association - Mountain bike trail development-year 2 \$8,580
Ha Ha Creek Watershed Stewardship Group - Aquatic ecosystem health assessment \$8,515.07
Beaver Valley and Pend d'Oreille Historical Society - Fruitvale Memorial Hall display cabinets \$8,470
Moyie Community Association - History book reprinting \$8,379.93
Edgewood Community Club - Barnes Creek fairgrounds shelter \$8,325
Kinnikinnik Park Society - Kinnikinnik Park restoration and creation \$8,000
Cranbrook Key City Chronicles - Cranbrook and area history book \$8,000
North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society - Playground project \$8,000
Glade Recreation Commission - Recreational facility \$8,000
Kimberley Personal Care Home Society - Care home landscape plan \$7,400
Revelstoke Snowmobile Club - Keystone Basin Caribou corridor \$7,000
Tarry's Community Centre - Flooring replacement \$7,000
Brilliant Cultural Centre - Archival/communications centre \$7,000
Shoreacres Community Hall Society - Community hall \$7,000
Pass Creek Community Hall Society - Community hall \$7,000
Sand Creek Community Club - Jaffray Community centre upgrade \$6,920
Windermere Elementary School Parent Advisory Council - Playground handicapped access \$6,900
Cranbrook Planned Parenthood - Reproductive Health Education Outreach Program \$6,549.22
West Creston Community Hall Society - Kitchen cabinets \$6,107
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 266 - 75th anniversary commemorative Wall of Honour \$6,000
Edgewater Recreation Society - Edgewater Park restoration \$6,000
Elk Valley Critical Incident Response Team - Stress management training \$6,000
Sand Creek Restoration Group - Lower Sand Creek habitat restoration and education \$6,000
Sand Creek Seniors - Drop-In Centre floor \$6,000

Revelstoke Community Childcare Society - Adventurer's Summer Daycamp-year 2 \$6,000
Slocan Valley Threads Guild Society - Slocan Valley Threads Guild \$6,000
Snow Valley Wranglers - Gymkana grounds relocation \$5,921.92
Wycliffe Exhibition Association - Exhibition facility upgrade \$5,660.34
Lister Community Association - Roller skating rink \$5,253
Burton Granting Society - Burton ball park infield drainage system \$5,200
Revelstoke and District Historical Association - Archives automated database-phase II \$5,110
Golden and District Senior Citizens' Housing Society - Upgrades to Purcell Apartments \$5,000
Columbia Valley Food Bank - Food bank premises renovation \$5,000
Bull River Bar-B-Q Ranchers Society - Bull River Community Hall restoration \$5,000
Cranbrook United Way - Office equipment upgrade \$5,000
Pines Memorial and Development Society - The Pines Garden project \$5,000
Planned Parenthood-Revelstoke - Planned parent-hood clinic \$5,000
Arrow Heights Parent Advisory Council - Arrow Heights playground project \$5,000
Windermere Valley Rural Range Resource Patrol - Radio, signage, safety equipment \$5,000

B.C. Ambulance Service Station 401 - Edgewood Community Club emergency equipment \$4,488
Cranbrook Public Library - Children's services programming aids and furniture \$4,200
Steepleview Recreation Association - Wardner Cemetery \$4,166.63
Canoe Valley Youth Society - Youth Building Brighter Tomorrows \$4,000
Kimberley Arts Council - Centre 64 - Theatre air conditioning \$4,000
Wasa and District Lions Club - Wasa and area Community Initiatives \$4,000
Wynndel Community Centre - Roof repairs \$4,000
Salmo Doukhobor Society - Hall safety upgrade \$4,000
Valley View Golf Club - Valley View Golf Course \$4,000
Ktunaxa Kinbasket Tribal Council - Elder/Mentor Component \$4,000

Fauquier Fire Department - Fire truck reserve fund \$3,000
Cultural Interpretive Society - Equipment purchase \$3,000
Blueberry Creek Irrigation District - Community park \$3,000
Yellowhead Outdoor Recreation Association - Camp Creek cross country master plan \$2,581
School District #5 Parent Advisory Committee - Community Path Finding teams facilitator \$2,529.98
Whitetooth Race Teams Society - Partial purchase of ski race timing equipment \$2,500
Golden Junior Rockets Hockey Club - Hockey team bus maintenance \$2,500
Golden and District Community Foundation - Golden Community Foundation startup \$2,500
Valemount Senior Citizens Housing Society - Golden Years Lodge update \$2,500
Blue Lake Forest Education Society - Washhouse wiring \$2,500
Fernie and District Historical Society - Mine Rescue-A Continuing Tradition \$2,500
Invermere Family Centre - Baby Talk \$2,500
Revelstoke Arts Council - Revelstoke festival and events \$2,500
Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce - Website German translation \$2,500
North Columbia Environmental Society - Reducing pesticide use in Revelstoke \$2,500
Revelstoke Glacier Challenge Society - Sports timing equipment \$2,500
Burton Improvement Group - Burton Hall electrical upgrade \$2,500
Salmo Community Resource Society - Accessible facility \$2,500
Prevent Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth - Education for teenagers \$2,500
Salmo and Area Senior Supportive Housing Society - Senior supportive housing \$2,500
Salmo Community Resource Society - Upgrade community services centre \$2,500
Invermere Family Centre - Network security initiative \$2,450
Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council - Awards of excellence \$2,050
North Columbia Environmental Society - Environmental stewardship enhancement \$2,030
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 36 - Chair replacement \$2,000
Wasa and District Historical Association - History book \$2,000
Revelstoke Heritage Railway Society - Railway museum library and reference room \$2,000
Revelstoke Arts Council - Revelstoke community art project \$2,000
Revelstoke for a Safe TransCanada Highway Committee - Revelstoke for a Safe TransCanada Highway \$2,000
Boswell Memorial Hall Society - Boswell Memorial Hall \$2,000
Gray Creek Hall Society - Gray Creek Hall upgrade \$2,000
Riondel Commission of Management - Community centre lighting and sound \$2,000
Creston and District Historical and Museum Society - Fire proof storage vault \$2,000
Creston Valley Rotary Club - Water fountain \$2,000
Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council - Community Initiatives program delivery \$2,000
Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society - Hawkins Creek water quality \$1,861
West Creston Community Hall Society - Gas range at Millennium Hall \$1,824
Edgewood Community Club - Alarm system \$1,614
Friends of Fort Steele - A Web of Understanding \$1,591.73
Golden Figure Skating Club - Skating training equipment \$1,500
Town of Golden - Community Initiatives program delivery \$1,500
Fernie Firefighters - Studebaker fire engine restoration \$1,500
Kimberley Rocky Mountain Riders - Equine education and awareness \$1,500
Kootenay Lake Historical Society - Information kiosk \$1,500
Creston Firefighters Association - Rescue truck equipment \$1,500
Royal Canadian Air Cadets 904 - Music equipment \$1,500
Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps 1746 - Purchase of canoes \$1,500
Salmo Lions Club - Picnic shelter at KP Park \$1,500
Friends of Kitchener - Kitchener Community Centre \$1,487
Golden Dolphin Swim Club - Purchase of swim club training equipment \$1,430
WE Graham Community Service Society - Learning Centre upgrade \$1,420
Revelstoke Theatre Company Society - Mount Mackenzie playhouse renovation-year 2 \$1,400
The Land Conservancy of BC - East Kootenay Stewardship Program \$1,379.37
Inonoaklin Valley Reading Centre - Edgewood Community Club equipment \$1,370
Fernie Women's Resource and Drop-In Centre - Community kitchens \$1,250
Fernie Recreational Trails Steering Committee - Aquatic Centre connector trail \$1,200
Fairmont Hot Springs Fire Department - CPR training aids \$1,117.20
Elkford Nordic Ski Club - Boivin Creek trail enhancements \$1,000
Slocan Lake Arena Society - Centennial Park bocce courts \$1,000
Slocan Valley Cycling Club - Slocan Valley Cycling 2001 Grand Prix \$1,000



Photo: Rachel Elkey
Bobbie Dickson (right) of the Moyie Community Association presents Rhonda Gilbertson, CBT Assistant, Community Liaison (left) with Moyie Reflections, Recollections of a Kootenay Mining Town. Columbia Basin Trust provided \$8,379.93 in funding for the second printing of the book through the Community Initiatives program.



Photo: Rachel Elkey
Jody Lamb (left) presents Rod Osiowy, Jordan Osiowy and Brian Conrad (left to right) of Mount Baker School in Cranbrook with a cheque for \$11,700 for the Joseph Creek Awareness Project.



Photo: Rachel Elkey
Jody Lamb, CBT Communications, (right) presents a \$10,400 cheque to Gerry Oliver (left) of G.G. Oliver and Associates for the Joseph Creek Restoration Project in Cranbrook.

A.I. Collinson Parent Advisory Committee - Playground project \$5,000
Union of Christian Doukhobors - Rays of Sunshine Playground \$5,000
Slocan Lake Golf Club - Slocan Lake Golf Club \$5,000
Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science - The Legacy of Blue \$5,000
Town of Creston - Automatic weather observing station \$5,000
Ktunaxa Kinbasket Tribal Council - Community Initiatives component \$5,000
Fauquier Communication Centre - Fauquier Communication Centre \$4,990
Castlegar and District Community Service - Counselling for youth \$4,900
Beasley Rescue Society - Rescue equipment \$4,800
Salmo Valley Rink Association - Emissivity ceiling \$4,750
Galloway Curling Club - Rock inserts \$4,694
Fernie Youth Action Committee - Multi-use skate park \$4,539.99
District of Sparwood - Sparwood/Elk Valley developmental assets \$4,500
Jewett Elementary School - Meal program \$4,500

Erickson Elementary Parent Advisory Committee - Computers for community access site \$3,907
Erickson Improvement District - Arrow Creek stream stabilization \$3,907
Sparwood and District Fish and Wildlife Association - Mandatory rifle range upgrades \$3,650
Timberline SnowGoers - Snowmobile, recreation trail map \$3,648
Kimberley Curling Club - Curling ice improvements - Ice King \$3,500
Canyon-Lister Fire Department - Insulated metal doors \$3,256
Salmo and District Arts Council - Donated building for Salmo Art Gallery \$3,075
Elk Valley Society for Community Living - Summer program/special needs children \$3,000
Kimberley Family Literacy - Kimberley family tutoring project \$3,000
Mountain Meadows Golf Club - Flower wall \$3,000
Sparwood and District Fish and Wildlife Association - Grave Lake boat dock enhancement \$3,000
Revelstoke Blues Society - Revelstoke Blues Festival-year 2 \$3,000
Mt. Begbie Parent Advisory Council - Accelerated Reader \$3,000

Guiding Hands Recreation Society - Teens and children's program \$1,000
Starbely Jam Society - Musical Festival - Starbely Jam \$1,000
Seniors' Coordinating Society - Augmentation of office structure \$1,000
Salmo Lions Club - Picnic shelter \$1,000
Tarry's Recreational Society - Concession stand upgrade \$1,000
Kootenay Employment Services Society - Building improvements \$1,000
Creston Area Economic Development Society - Creston Garden Festival \$1,000
Kootenay Blacksmiths' Association - Mobile blacksmith shop \$1,000
Fauquier Reading Centre - Fauquier Reading Centre \$990
Lucerne Parent Advisory Council - Playground equipment \$940
Revelstoke Minor Hockey - Arena complex addition concept drawings \$819
Deer Park Recreation Society - Fire protection \$800
Nelson and District Arts Council - Stronger role in community \$775
Salmo Valley Rink Association - Low emissive ceiling \$750
Langham Cultural Society - Aspects of Darkroom \$640
Rosland Historical Museum and Archives - Purchase of scanner \$531.28
Cranbrook Genealogy Interest Group - Archival newspapers and microfilm equipment \$500
Burton Granting Society - Burton Children and Youth Craft Group \$500
Slocan Lakes Gallery Society - Slocan Lake Gallery Community Hall \$500
Federation of BC Writers - Southeast Region - Conference \$500
Salmo District Arts Council - Art gallery \$500
Robson Community Choir - Skills upgrade \$500
Creston and District Chamber of Commerce - Chamber grounds \$500
Silvery Slocan Historical Society - Silvery Slocan Seniors' Fall Festival \$350
Valhalla Summer School of Music - Valhalla School of Music \$312
Education for Sustainability - Website design and hosting \$312
Silverton/New Denver and Area Youth Centre - Youth centre patronage package \$312
Fauquier and District Golf - Fauquier Golf Club break-water \$220
Edgewood Community Club - Administration \$200
Friends of West Kootenay Parks - Slocan Chief Cabin \$100

Early Childhood Supports Program

Ktunaxa Kinbasket Child and Family Services Society - Youth capacity-birth, infancy and parenting \$84,950
Comprehensive Community Education and Resource Centre Society - Comprehensive Community Education and Resource Centre \$47,250
Kootenay Family Place - Family Resource Centre \$29,607
Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services - Early Childhood Supports Program delivery \$22,000
West Kootenay Family and Child Care Society - Regional child care project \$18,000
East Kootenay Community Health Services Society - East Kootenay child health profile \$16,450
Invermere Family Centre - Parenting programs for the Upper Columbia \$15,000
Cranbrook Women's Resource Society - Kootenay conference families project \$11,500
Joan Delich Kindergym Society - Joan Delich Kindergym Society \$8,500
Union of Christian Doukhobors - Rays of Sunshine playschool \$3,965
Kaslo and District Public Library - Storytime \$2,750

Ecosystem Conservation and Restoration Program

Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Community support, project monitoring \$25,080
Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Upper Columbia White Sturgeon Initiative \$22,500
Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Ecosystem Conservation and Restoration program delivery \$22,185
Redfish Consulting - Tenderfoot Creek \$16,603
Westslope Fisheries - St. Mary's cutthroat telemetry study \$16,050
Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Indigenous fish conservation strategy projects \$15,000
Lower Sand Creek Restoration Group - Lower Sand Creek fish habitat restoration \$15,000
Interior Reforestation Co. Ltd. - Strategic planning \$8,800
Lower Kootenay Band - Goat River Burbot assessment \$7,050
Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks - Slocan Lake limnological assessment \$5,520
Goat River Residents' Association - Goat River restoration \$5,225
Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Upper Columbia Watershed Council \$4,890
Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Burbot population estimate \$3,510
G.G. Oliver and Associates - Kinbasket Bull Trout telemetry \$2,415
West Arm Outdoor Club - Lasca Creek \$2,400
Baxter Environmental - Salmo Bull trout telemetry \$1,800
Paris Creek Sediment Control - Paris Creek \$972

Endowment Support for Community Foundations

Osprey Community Foundation (Nelson) - Matching grant for startup \$50,000

Environmental Conditions Program

Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology - Climate Change Conference \$6,000

Families Program

West Kootenay Family and Child Care Society - Family and seniors activity centre \$30,962
Community Connections
Revelstoke Society - Revelstoke and Communities Together \$26,570
From the Ground Up Steering Committee - Salmo Grows Together \$25,686
Canadian Mental Health Association of the East Kootenay - Families program delivery \$12,000
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - Family literacy programs \$10,000
Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services - Ready or Not facilitator training \$5,938
Slocan Valley Parent/Youth Conference Steering Committee - Whole Valley: Conference and resource development \$5,344
Kaslo and District Public Library - Information on family living \$3,500

Land Trust Program Development

Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program - East Kootenay Conservation Program workshop \$4,000

Living Landscapes

Website maintenance \$5,000

North America Community Service Program

Canada World Youth - North America Community Service \$17,000

Options Program

Kootenay Film and Video Cooperative - Basin film and video development \$20,000
Kootenay Organic Growers - Feeding Our Communities \$11,600
Kootenay School of the Arts - Marketing Contemporary Craft Conference \$11,500
Cranbrook Society for Community Living - Development of architectural and engineering plans \$10,000
Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society - Upgrade to Doukhobor Village Museum \$10,000
Elk Valley Coal Discovery Centre - Elk Valley Coal Discovery Centre \$9,500
Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area - Duck Lake dyke brushing project \$7,114.40
Nelson Search and Rescue Society - Snow safety education project \$4,000
Castlegar and District Community Services Society - Fetal Alcohol Community and Treatment Conference \$3,500
West Kootenay Regional Arts Council and Columbia Kootenay Cultural Network - Basin arts and culture magazine \$3,000



Photo: Courtesy Golden News
CBT Community Liaison Kindy Gosal (right) presents Jeff Dolinsky of the Golden and District Community Foundation (left) with a cheque for \$25,000 from the Endowment Support for Community Foundations Program 2002-2003. The Columbia Valley Community Foundation, which celebrated its one-year anniversary this year, also received \$25,000 through the program this year.



Photo: Rachel Elkey
Shauna Shkuratoff (left) and Andra Louie (right), members of the Columbia Basin Trust Youth Committee, travelled around the Basin earlier this year delivering the SCRATCH magazine. CBT provided \$21,474.40 for the magazine, which includes poetry, photographs, and articles about youth in the Basin.

Cranbrook and District Chamber of Commerce - Sustainable Angling Symposium \$3,000
Langham Cultural Society - Equipment and marketing assistance \$3,312
Nelson and Area Economic Development Corporation - Arts, culture and heritage economic impact analysis \$2,500
Golden and District Air Quality Committee - Golden ambient air quality monitoring \$2,500
Kootenay Family Place - Kinnaird Out of School Program \$2,500
Slocan Lakes Gallery Society - North of the Horn trade exhibition and seminar \$2,000

East Kootenay Environmental Society - Get Bear Smart Kimberley \$15,000
The Land Conservancy of BC - East Kootenay Stewardship Program \$14,042
East Kootenay Environmental Society - Reflection Lake wildlife viewing area \$10,000
Golden Bear Aware Program - Golden Bear Aware Program \$7,660
Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Terrestrial Ecosystem, Conservation and Restoration program delivery \$6,830
Selkirk College - Restore an illegal dump in the Skattabo Woodlot \$3,950

Transboundary Conference

Sustainable Fisheries Foundation - Transboundary Conference 2002 \$15,000

Water Initiative

Water initiative development and education \$37,289.31

Youth and Community Involvement

Scholarships

Recipients:
 Jennifer Busch, Revelstoke
 Derek Cimolini, Sparwood
 Devlin Coleman, Cranbrook
 Nadine Harris, Lister
 Shara-Lee Katerberg, Golden
 Audrey Keith, Nelson
 Alison Leathwood, Kaslo
 Melissa Maione, Radium Hot Springs
 Kaitlin Pasqualotto, Trail
 Ashley Posnikoff, Nakusp
 Joseph Reiner, Salmo
 Jennifer Samin, Fernie
 Sonali Sharma, Elkford
 Caleb Sheppard, Riondel
 Amanda Stevenson, Rosland
 Alan Stremel, Marysville
 Thalia Tomlinson, Castlegar
 Amanda Wilkinson, Valemount
 Heather Young, South Slocan

Youth Links

Nelson District Community Resources Society - Youth Links program delivery \$150,000

Youth Media Program

Website and print publication \$21,000
 Youth media project \$474.40

Youth Program Development

Youth Forum 2001 \$26,286.09
 Youth Forum internships \$8,398.75
 Youth Steering Committee \$20,000
 Coordination of youth initiatives \$12,345.26

Kootenay Society for Community Living - Taking Action for Special Kids ski program \$2,400
Revelstoke Women's Shelter Society - Emergency shelter funding \$2,000
Nelson Municipal Library - Kootenaiana archives accessibility \$2,000
Nelson Municipal Library - Catalog Kootenaiana archives \$1,500
Sparwood and District Chamber of Commerce - Sparwood's Winter Festival 2002 \$1,000
A I Collinson Elementary School - Kids Can Environmental Conference \$1,000
Columbia River Greenways Alliance - Cows and Fish Riparian and Rangeland Stewardship Workshop \$700
Rocky Mountain Naturalists - Bird sighting records \$700
Heart of Trail Society - Youth centre financial and management plan \$500

Resources for Family Literacy Program

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - Resources for Family Literacy program delivery \$180,000

Rural Economic Development Program

Rural Economic Development Program \$108,000

School-Based Environmental Program

East Kootenay Environmental Society - Magic Basin Field Trip \$50,000

Telecommunications

Columbia Mountain Open Network Inc. - Telecommunications Infrastructure Development and Business Case and Engineering Study \$550,000 - Telecommunications infrastructure meetings \$42,000

Terrestrial Ecosystem, Conservation and Restoration Program

The Land Conservancy - East Kootenay Conservation program coordinator \$20,000
Friends of Kootenay National Park - Living with Wildlife project \$16,500



For more information on these projects contact the CBT at 1-800-505-8998.

Advocating for a better economy

Strengthening businesses and the region's economy is the vision of the Columbia Basin Trust's Basin Business Advocates Program.

The program, which started in October 2000, aims to achieve this goal by providing free one-on-one counselling from a business advocate and consulting services. Business advocates are a team of experienced, successful business people from a variety of backgrounds who work with businesses in the program.

Dave Bird, a business advocate for the Elkford, Fernie, Jaffray, Sparwood area, has 15 years of financial experience and is a business owner. He has been working as an advocate for the program since May 2001.

"As a business owner myself, I realize how important it is to have a new set of eyes look at the business's goals and objectives," says Bird. "It helps people see opportunities or pitfalls they might otherwise not have recognized."



Dave Bird

Any small or medium-sized independent business in the Columbia Basin can apply to receive the services of the program.

"Generally, I like the business to make the initial contact, that way I know they are genuinely interested in taking part in the program," says Bird.

Once accepted into the program, a meeting is set up between the business owner and the advocate. The advocate and the business owner work closely together to prepare an indepth assessment of the business and its financial statements.



Photo: Rachel Elkey

Business Advocates: (L to R) Mike Cante - Golden, Valemount, Revelstoke; Norm Magee - Cranbrook, Creston, Crawford Bay; Gerri Brightwell - Kimberley, Radium, Invermere; Deanne Monroe - Nakusp, Slocan Valley; Dave Bird - Fernie, Elkford, Sparwood; Lynne Romano - assisting in Golden, Valemount, Revelstoke; and Chris Bell - Trail, Castlegar, Rossland, Nelson.

"I ask the business owner to list their concerns and possible solutions," says Bird. "We go over the business's plans, policies as well as its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats."

After the analysis, the advocate determines whether he or she can directly help the business, or whether the business needs specialized assistance from an outside consultant.

"If it is the business advocate advising the business, then this usually lasts about two months. If specialized assistance is required this can last up to five months and sometimes longer," adds Bird.

If the advocate and the business owner together decide that specialized advice and assistance is needed, the program supports up to \$5,000 for a consultant to assist the business. Consultants assist with preparation of a marketing or business plan, or give accounting or human resource advice.

"I have completed about 75 counselling assignments in the Elk Valley since the program started," says Bird, adding all types of businesses have been involved with the program from retail, tourism and hospitality, to outfitters and value-added wood products.

"I feel this program is really benefiting the businesses of the Elk Valley. Business owners have told

me they feel rejuvenated, they realize they have more opportunities and they have more confidence in the marketplace."

If you are a business owner and would like to get in touch with an advocate in your area, contact Steele O'Neil and Associates at 1-250-489-4180 or 877-894-5939.

BASIN Business Advocates PROGRAM
Support to Independent Businesses in the Columbia Basin

- Is your business doing well...but could be doing better?
- Are you reaching your markets in the most cost-effective manner?
- Is there some area of management you think needs strengthening?

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The Basin Business Advocates Program provides business counselling and specialized consulting services to new and established independent businesses in the Columbia Basin. Take advantage of this free program while you can—call us today!

Contact
Barbara O'Neil,
Steele O'Neil and Associates, Cranbrook,
1-877-894-5939 to be connected to the Business Advocate working in your community.



Photo: Zach Allison

(Photo right) Adriana Garcia Ramirez of Mexico and Mitch Hauptman of the United States are currently doing restoration work at the Socorro Mission in El Paso, Texas as part of the North American Community Service program. The program is a seven-month, international volunteer exchange where three youth from each of Canada, Mexico and the United States travel together through the three countries working on community-based, volunteer projects. The goal of the program is for participants to learn more about shared cultural, environmental, social and economic challenges in each country. The first phase of the program took place in the Columbia Basin. Participants worked on an organic herb garden, a community forest, and volunteered at a wetlands restoration project. Currently the participants are in El Paso, Texas where they are part of a team working to restore the Socorro Mission, an important heritage structure. The last phase of the program takes place in Mexico. The CBT provided \$20,000 in funding to the program. (Photo left) Anna Wilkinson of South Slocan hauls adobe construction materials at the Socorro Mission project.



Expressions of Interest

The Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) is developing a resource list of consultants who can provide services and expertise for temporary work projects funded by CBT. This list will be kept up to date so the CBT may award work to qualified individuals or companies rather than going to a public call when the need arises.

Submissions should:

- ✓ indicate your experience and background relating to any of the following content areas and indicate your areas of specialization within each category: social development; economic development; education and training; arts, heritage and culture; environment; water initiatives; organizational development; other (please specify).
- ✓ specify the types of consultation/work for which your experience would make you most suited, i.e. meeting facilitation; strategic planning; research and evaluation; communications; community consultation; strategic/business processes; information system development and implementation; database management solutions; focus group facilitation; website design; economic/labour market analysis, forecasts and model development and implementation; other (please specify).
- ✓ include contact information of people familiar with your work (references) that we may contact.

Submit your expression of interest (preferably in electronic format) by Nov. 11, 2002 to:

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For more information call 1-800-505-8998 or 1-250-365-6633. PLEASE NOTE: This is an expression of interest only and no contracts will be awarded as a result of this call.

