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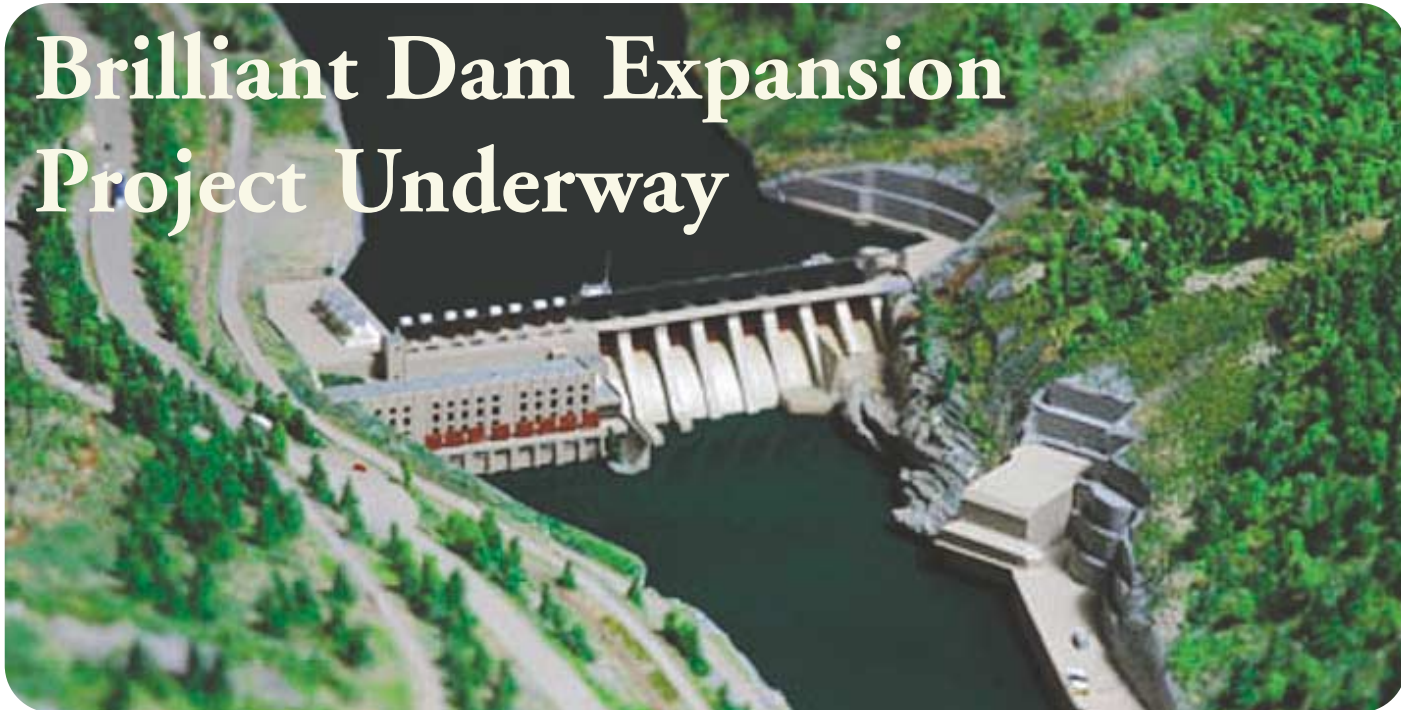
report to residents

a legacy for the people of the Columbia Basin

Fall 2003

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Brilliant Dam Expansion Project Underway



An expansion of the Brilliant power plant, owned by the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) and Columbia Power Corporation (CPC), kicked into gear earlier this year.

Premier Gordon Campbell, MLA Sandy Santori, and CBT Board Chair Josh Smienk officially unveiled the \$204-million project in April. The power expansion provides an average of 150 on-site jobs and increases B.C.'s supply of renewable energy.

"Many people have put a lot of time and energy into making this project viable," said Smienk. "We are thankful for their dedication and commitment and are pleased this project is now underway. It will provide numerous long-term benefits for social, economic and environmental projects for communities in the Columbia Basin."

The Brilliant Expansion Project is part of the Columbia Basin Trust's investment portfolio. Columbia Basin Trust receives 50 per cent of the revenue from its partnership with Columbia Power Corporation in the Brilliant Dam and Arrow Lakes Generating Station.

In February 2003, a design-build

agreement was signed with the Brilliant Expansion Consortium of Skanska-Chant JV and SNC-Lavalin Inc. to complete the Brilliant power expansion. Skanska-Chant JV is a joint venture of Skanska International Civil Engineering AB and Chant Construction Ltd. The expansion project, involving the construction of a powerhouse off the east side of the Brilliant Dam, utilizes excess water through the spillways.

The benefits of additional generation at Brilliant Dam are avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions of approximately 450,000 tonnes of carbon

dioxide per year and improvement of downstream aquatic habitat by reducing total gas pressure caused by water spilling over the dam.

- ♦ Built in the 1940s by Cominco Ltd.
- ♦ CBT, CPC purchased the dam from Cominco in 1996
- ♦ Located eight kilometres from Castlegar
- ♦ Produces an additional 120 megawatts of power
- ♦ Completion of the project is scheduled for 2006



Photo: Columbia Power Corporation

Premier Gordon Campbell (right), MLA Sandy Santori (middle) and CBT Board Chair Josh Smienk (left) took part in the Brilliant Expansion Project start up event earlier this year. (Photo above) Artist's conceptual model of the Brilliant Expansion Project.

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More than funding

CBT also invests, produces energy, and provides services

Columbia Basin Trust may be best known for the more than \$4 million in funding it annually provides to community-supported projects in the Basin.

But CBT is more than a funding or granting organization. It also invests in power and “non-power” ventures to create income for its funding and service programs. There is also a growing focus on helping communities build capacity and on educating residents about water issues in the Basin.

Between 1995 and 2005, CBT will have invested

more than \$500 million in power projects in the Basin through its subsidiary CBT Energy Inc. and joint venture partnership with Columbia Power Corporation (CPC). The partners completed the first power project - the Arrow Lakes Generating Station - near Castlegar in 2003. Construction on the Brilliant Expansion Project started in April 2003 and is scheduled for completion in 2006.

In 1995, the Province of BC provided \$45 million to the CBT, which was invested in business loans, income securities, real estate and venture capital and has now grown to \$52.1 million. (See page 4 for CBT's investments).

In 2003, CBT strengthened its commitment to

support the values and views of Basin residents by releasing a Water Initiatives Strategy. The CBT wants to involve Basin residents in building a network of organizations to address water issues. It is committed to educating residents about water issues in the Basin so they can fully participate in future water related processes. (See page 6 for CBT's Water Strategy).

For CBT, capacity building means working with communities, rather than having a set of pre-determined outcomes that CBT wishes communities to achieve. It is supporting communities to work together in undertaking their own challenges so communities are able to increase their sense of self-reliance and ability to address their own problems and challenges.



CBT's total funding for land conservation to date is \$409,000

Photo: Jody Lamb

The Nature Trust of British Columbia and its five participating partners, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Columbia Basin Trust, Castlegar Friends of Parks and Trails Society, West Kootenay Naturalists, and Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program, purchased Waldie Island in Castlegar for its important wildlife values.

“The Waldie Island acquisition is for many of us a dream come true,” says Walter Volovsek, Director of the Castlegar Friends of Parks and Trails Society.

Waldie Island is a small, undisturbed two-acre island in the Columbia River. Cottonwood, lodgepole pine and riparian shrubs cover the island. The forest and wetland area provides habitat for the blue-listed Great Blue Heron and a variety of other bird species.

“Columbia Basin Trust is excited to be involved in this initiative,” says Kindy Gosal, CBT Manager of Water Initiatives. “Locally supported, multi-partner land conservation initiatives like this project help provide legacies for Basin communities.”

Supporting literacy in the Basin

Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) is honoured by an award recognizing it as a “literacy friendly organization” by the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL), a non-profit organization that promotes literacy and lifelong learning throughout the Columbia Basin.

The Columbia Basin Trust has provided \$540,000 in funding to CBAL over the past three years through CBT's Resources for Family Literacy program.

The award was presented at CBT's annual general meeting in Castlegar on July 18.



Photo: Rachel Elkey

Josh Smienk (left), Chair of the CBT Board of Directors, accepts the recognition award from Jennifer Cliff-Marks of the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy.

Annual Report released

The CBT's Annual Report 2002-2003 is now available.

Residents are encouraged to obtain copies from the website at

www.cbt.org. 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 2002-2003 financial highlights.



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The Columbia Basin Trust sincerely appreciates the assistance of all the organizations and individuals who helped in the creation of the Report to Residents. It is the dedication to your communities, organizations, and businesses that make Columbia Basin Trust a legacy of the people.

The Columbia Basin Trust is a regional corporation created by an act of the B.C. Legislature in 1995 to support efforts by the people of the Canadian Columbia Basin to create a legacy of economic, social, and environmental well-being and to achieve greater self-sufficiency for present and future generations.

The current Board of Directors includes:



Josh Smienk,
Chair,
Balfour



Garry Merkel,
Vice Chair,
Kimberley



Dieter Bogs,
Trail



Mike Kartasheff,
Fort Steele



Greg Deck,
Radium Hot
Springs



Bill Cowan,
Nakusp



**Bill
Kruisselbrink,**
Valemount



Joe Pierre,
Creston



Loni Parker,
Revelstoke



**Gordon
Titsworth,**
Warfield



**Jeanette
Townsend,**
Valemount



Ron Oszust,
Golden

New Board directors

The Province of British Columbia appointed six new directors to the CBT Board in July.

There are 18 seats on the Board of Directors. Two are appointed from each of the Regional Districts of East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay Boundary, Columbia-Shuswap, and Fraser/Fort George, and two from the Ktunaxa/ Kinbasket Tribal Council. The Province of BC appoints six members.

The newest appointments come to the Board with a wide range of skills that benefit the Board and the residents of the Basin.

Ben C. Arcuri
Nelson

Ben Arcuri was the President and Owner of Rosling Real Estate Limited in Nelson for over 20 years. He successfully expanded his company to include offices in Trail, Rosland, Fruitvale and Castlegar. He is the former president of the Kootenay Real Estate Board. Ben has volunteered his time as President of the Nelson Maple Leafs, the Nelson Curling Club and was appointed the Canadian Liaison by Hockey Canada for the Russian National Team tour of Canada in 1989 and 1990.

Evelyn Cutts
Fernie

Evelyn Cutts is the former Mayor of the City of Fernie. She has been the Co-Owner of Sheep Mountain Outfitters for 24 years. She served as a School Trustee for School Districts 1 and 5 and she has devoted herself to the Girl Guides, figure skating, minor hockey, Isabella Dicken PAC, Chamber of Commerce, Ghostriders, School Board, Rotary, Victims Services, and the United Church. In 2002, she was honoured with the Fernie Citizen of the Year Award.

Michael Rouse
Cranbrook

Michael Rouse is the former Vice President of BC Operations with Tembec Inc. Michael was a Director of Community Futures Development, and he serves as a Director for the Cranbrook and District Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife Odette are Honorary Chairs of the United Way. Michael holds a Bachelor of Forestry and a Master of Business Administration.

David Brien
Castlegar

David Brien is the Chief Financial Officer for Celgar Pulp Company in Castlegar. Prior to joining Celgar in 2001, he was the senior vice-president and chief financial officer for Crown Packaging Ltd in Burnaby. David is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Bachelor of Commerce from UBC. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He also volunteers as the Treasurer for the Castlegar Hospice Society.

Ronald Miles
Cranbrook

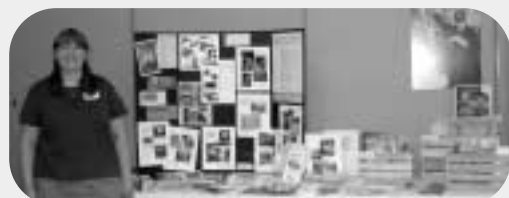
Ron Miles is a lawyer in private practice and, since 1995 has been a partner with Miles, Daroux, Zimmer and Sheard. Ron served two terms as a Councillor for the City of Cranbrook; was Chair of the Cranbrook and District Hospital Board; and is past-President (twice) of the Kinsmen Club of Cranbrook. A father of six children, he also volunteers his time as a coach for minor league lacrosse, hockey and soccer. He holds Bachelor of Commerce and Law degrees from UBC.

Jackie Drysdale
Rossland

Jackie Drysdale has lived in Rossland for the past 27 years and is an elementary school teacher. She is a former Director of BC Transit and West Kootenay Power (now Aquila). Jackie served as a Table Officer of the Union of BC Municipalities during which time she chaired the UBCM's Task Force on Municipal Liability Insurance. She served as Mayor of Rossland from 1985 to 1987 and was a three-term Alderman for the City of Rossland.

Snapshots from the AGM

Columbia Basin Trust held its annual general meeting July 18 in Castlegar. More than 70 people attended to learn more about the organizations that partner with CBT to deliver programs and to hear presentations on the Brilliant Expansion Project, Water Strategy, Financial Report, literacy, and CBT's funding programs.



Photos: Rachel Elkey
(Clockwise bottom middle) Deanna Monroe and Barbara O'Neil of the Basin Business Advocates Program; Classical guitarist Rita Szekeley performs; Krista Patterson of the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance, which delivers the Arts, Culture and Heritage funding; Audrey Repin of Columbia Power Corporation provides information on the Brilliant Expansion Project; Bev Hills represents the Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council, a delivery partner for the Community Initiatives program; Bill Green and Jaime Cristales of the Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership, which delivers environment programs; and Selkirk College President Marilyn Luscombe, and Jacquie Hamilton and Joan Ralston of the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance.

Community broadband projects receive funding development

On behalf of rural Columbia Basin communities, the Columbia Mountain Open Network (CMON) received funding to develop business plans for the following four community broadband projects:

- Golden and Columbia Shuswap Regional District Area A
- Nakusp and Regional District of Central Kootenay Area K
- Kootenay Lake
- Regional District of Central Kootenay Areas I and J

The community broadband business plans will be developed with

funding from part of Industry Canada's \$105-million 'Broadband for Rural and Northern Development' (BRAND) Pilot Program. The BRAND program is delivered through two rounds of business plan development funding, followed by two rounds of implementation funding.

The current four Columbia Basin projects are in the second round of the BRAND funding program. Matching funds for these projects are provided by the Columbia Basin Trust's Community Broadband Planning Program.

"Receiving these grants is an

important step in the development of sustainable community networks in the Columbia Basin," said Jeff Roberts CMON's Chief Executive Officer. "This result could not have been achieved without the hard work and support of a large number of community groups and the Columbia Basin Trust."

The total amount of funding announced in this second round of the BRAND Pilot Program is \$1,768,777.

For further information on the CMON supported BRAND projects please contact 250-365-1115 or cmon@cmon.ca

Basin, Legacy funds provide future income

The Columbia Basin Trust, in conjunction with Watson Wyatt Worldwide, prepared a framework earlier this year for the management of CBT's assets.

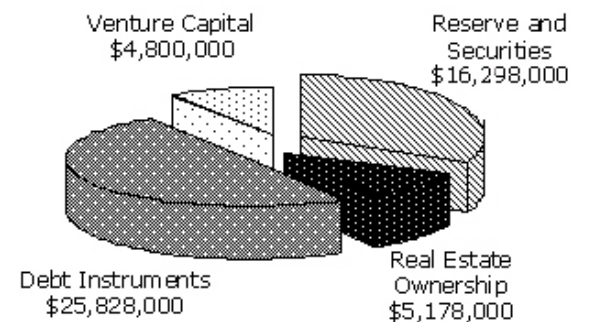
This policy led to the creation of the Basin and Legacy Funds. The policy sets out authorities, procedures, risk tolerance and performance goals. It's also designed to assist CBT in monitoring and evaluating the investment performance of the assets of the Basin and Legacy Funds.

The **BASIN FUND** is the vehicle for investing CBT's non-power capital in the Basin. The objective is to maximize the expected rate of return on CBT's assets, while preserving the real value of the capital over the long-term with an acceptable degree of risk. A secondary objective is to enhance the economic self-sufficiency of the Basin by strengthening and diversifying the regional economy, while maintaining the real value of the capital over the long-term. Investments in this fund are exposed to the risk of capital loss, particularly over the short-term.

The *Basin Fund* was initially funded through a \$45 million payment from the Province of BC on April 1, 1996. Future money allocated to the *Basin Fund* will come from income generated by CBT's investments.

BASIN FUND COMMITTED

March 31, 2003



The **LEGACY FUND** investment capital came from the Province of BC and is intended as low risk investments. Ensuring capital remains in place for future generations drives the Legacy Fund.

The investment objective of the *Legacy Fund* is to maximize the expected return of the assets, while preserving the real value of the legacy capital with a relatively high degree of certainty. Subject to maintaining the real value of the capital, the objective of the *Legacy Fund* is to generate income to fund the Basin Fund and the delivery of benefits.

The *Legacy Fund* currently consists of CBT's interest in the Arrow Lakes Generating Station and the Brilliant Dam power projects.

For more information about CBT Investments, phone 1-250-265-9935.

financial highlights

Residents can contact the Columbia Basin Trust at 1-800-505-8998 to receive a copy of the complete Audited Financial Statements, which were published in the 2002-2003 Annual Report. The Report is also available on the website at www.cbt.org.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at March 31, 2003

	2003	2002
ASSETS		
Current	\$23,756,000	\$14,873,000
Investments	\$294,966,000	\$282,431,000
Other	\$147,526,000	\$178,026,000
	<u>\$466,248,000</u>	<u>\$475,330,000</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current	\$11,766,000	\$7,093,000
Long Term Debt	\$160,240,000	\$202,087,000
Net Assets	\$294,242,000	\$266,150,000
	<u>\$466,248,000</u>	<u>\$475,330,000</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

as at March 31, 2003

	2003	2002
REVENUES		
Net Investment Income		
Power Projects	\$13,636,000	\$1,672,000
Business Loans	\$1,582,000	\$1,162,000
Income Securities	\$794,000	\$1,170,000
Real Estate	(\$97,000)	(\$73,000)
Venture Capital	(\$111,000)	\$27,000
Contribution		
Province of B.C.	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
	<u>\$17,804,000</u>	<u>\$5,958,000</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$3,233,000	\$2,814,000
OPERATING INCOME		
Investment Program write-downs and write-offs	\$576,000	\$1,704,000
Delivery of Benefits	\$4,036,000	\$4,772,000
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$9,959,000</u>	<u>(\$3,332,000)</u>

Introducing the recipients of this year's awards for extensive community service

The Columbia Basin Trust annually provides Youth Community Service Awards 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. The Youth Community Service Award assists Basin graduates in pursuing post-secondary education/training, and rewards and encourages the involvement of young people in their communities. Congratulations to the following students:



Anna Templin
Sparwood

As president of St. Michael's Youth Group, Anna helps set a good example by coordinating and carrying out activities. She was involved in

her school's Environmental Club and athletics with coaching and refereeing. Anna canvassed for the Canadian Cancer Society and helped make and deliver hampers for the Sparwood Food Bank.



Elissa Berrill
Slocan Park

Elissa's community activities include CEO of her grad class, tutoring, environmental minister on Student

Council, organizing camp activities, counselling students through a mentorship program, and running an activity day for students in the Slocan Valley.



Jenna Rae Peterson
Wycliffe

Jenna Rae said her involvement in a mission to Mexico to build a church for locals was a life changing experience. She spent 10 days

constructing the church and fellowshiping with the Mexican people. Jenna Rae also counselled at a youth camp and helped teach volleyball to Grade 5 students.



Lillan Burmeister
Fauquier

Lillan was active in her school as the 2002-2003 Student Council president, a member of Student Voice, a school-based group that

looked at solving school issues, and Counter Attack, which tries to prevent drunk driving. Some of Lillan's other achievements include volunteering for the Fauquier Community Club and Nakusp Christmas Hamper.



Raycene Hudec
Salmo

Raycene provided input as a youth representative on Salmo's Advisory Committee. She's passed down the importance of

working in your community through her participation and leadership with the Girl Guides Association, and coaching boys volleyball.



Caitlin Perry
New Denver

Caitlin helped with the Blue Lake Youth Forum as part of the CBT's Youth Committee. She started a Students' Council at her

school and volunteered at the extended care facility as part of the Youth Ambassadorship Program. Caitlin's volunteered for a lunch program, bingo, the Queen's Annual May Day Tea, and organized fundraisers to support graduation ceremonies.



Jeffrey Malik
Kaslo

Jeffrey's extensive community involvement includes coordinating participation in Family Literacy Day, literacy tutoring, helping the Kaslo

Jazz Society, making sandbags for Kaslo Emergency Response, fundraising so students of all income levels can participate in competitions, and participating in Student Parliament.



Jessica Haskins
Rossland

Jessica has dedicated five years to Rossland's Rekindle the Spirit of Christmas program. She's instructed swimming, coached soccer,

tutored, and volunteered during ski races and for the Food Bank. Jessica was the president of the Graduation Committee and appointed Parade Marshal of the Golden City Days Parade.



Lindsey Rouleau
Invermere

Lindsey's been an activist for road safety, a volunteer for the Kinsmen Club, and sat on a steering committee for the Cancer Society. She's

worked on establishing a youth Crime Stoppers program and developed presentations for a program called Peer Prevention for Grade 7 students.



Melissa Brasseur
Riondel

Melissa's service to her community involves peer tutoring, organizing dances for local youth, teaching badminton and beginner clog-

ging, fundraising for cancer patients, and helping to organize events for children at Riondel Days and the Annual School Milk Run.



Angela Rupp
Burton

Angela initiated Interact to give others an opportunity to help people less fortunate. She was the vice-president of the graduation execu-

tive, which involved making sure graduates wishes and requests were met, and she participated in Rotary's dinner theatre productions for three years.



Diana Dearden
Fort Steele

Diana was a representative on CBT's Youth Committee, and has helped develop and promote a Youth Water Symposium. Diana represent-

ed her community through the Sam Steele Ambassador Program and the Rocky Mountain region at the Miss Teen Canada International pageant. She's volunteered at Fort Steele Heritage Town and the Cranbrook Performing Arts Festival.



Aaron Glover
Fernie

Aaron's love for sports and music shone through with his participation in the Fernie Judo Club, Drama Club, Concert and Jazz Band,

and Youth Soccer Association. Aaron's also helped put on events at his school and counselled at a camp during the summer.



Steven Mandoli
Trail

People Loving People, Beaver Valley Search and Rescue, Scouts Canada, Warfield Recreation, and the Trail Regional Hospital

Foundation are among the community organizations or programs that Steven has contributed his time. Steven is also devoted to his church having alter served for seven years at weddings, funerals and Sunday mass.



Zoe Caron
Procter

Candy striping and visiting with seniors are ways Zoe has built connections to her community. She also participated on Student Council

and with a Recreational Leadership program through which she supervised the school equipment room, weight room and lunchtime intramurals. Zoe tries to encourage other youth to get involved in the community.



Anneli Schadel
Creston

Volunteering for a number of community organizations including the Wheelchair Foundation, Girl Guides, and the Kaminoho

Friendship Society are among Anneli's contributions to her community. She's been active on a number of school committees and clubs. Anneli's also banded ducks and helped with the Wildlife Centre Youth Stewardship Program.



Jessica Trozzo
Elkford

Jessica spent eight years helping her skating club by fundraising and providing skills development to younger skaters. She has

planned events for the Young at Art program, canvassed for the BC Kidney and Heart and Stroke Foundations, and helped at the 1999 BC Senior Games. Jessica's also done window painting and worked as a backstage hand at the Ice Show.



Kyle Buhler
Revelstoke

Kyle finds it rewarding to help younger students as a peer support helper and to educate students about not drinking and driving through

his school's Counter Attack team. He coaches and referees soccer, started a volunteer Community Connectors Buddy program for children with special needs, and volunteers at many Child Care Society events.



Martina Bezzola
Golden

Creating and organizing an event bulletin for her school, vice-president of her graduating class, organizing a Theatre of the Oppressed,

helping coach skiing, and participating in a leadership class, yearbook committee, social justice committee and Burgess Shale research project are among Martina's contributions to her community.



Brad Therrien
Castlegar

Brad's contributions to his community include participating in the Heart and Stroke Foundation's High School Summer Research

Program, membership in the Voices for Peace Doukhobor Youth Choir, visiting elderly residents at a long-term care facility, organizing an eye glass drive for the Selkirk Lion's Club, and participating on his school's Grad Council.



Basil Veerman
Slocan Park

Basil's been active in his school as Minister of Athletics, web page manager for the Grad Council, member of the Yearbook

Committee, and troubleshooter for computer problems. He's been a camp counselor at Blue Lake Forest Education Society and helped set up the 2002 St. Patrick's Day Fashion Show, an afternoon of fun for the community.

**Congratulations
and best wishes
on your future
endeavours**

Special thanks to all the graduating students that applied for the Youth Community Service Award. It was tremendous to see so many youth in the Basin dedicated to bettering their communities.

Water is the foundation of the cultural, economic and environmental well being of the Columbia River Basin.

Water issues are at the core of the Columbia Basin Trust's existence. The CBT was created in recognition of the impacts associated with the management of water in this region, including the Columbia River Treaty.

Basin residents have identified a broad range of concerns regarding water quality and quantity, and they want to ensure their values and views are incorporated into any water initiatives in the Basin. The CBT is committed to ensuring long-term water issues are addressed. It is in this spirit that CBT created a Water Initiatives Strategy in 2003.

The goals of the strategy are:

1 Work with Basin residents to build an understanding of and capacity to deal with water related issues in the Basin.

2 Support the development of a network of organizations working on water initiatives in the Basin.



Golden's Mountain Run Off Festival held July 11-13 kicked off with a kayak parade on the Kicking Horse River.

3 Strengthen the participation and influence of Basin residents in water related processes in the Basin.

For more information, or to obtain a copy of CBT's Water Initiatives Strategy, contact the Columbia Basin Trust at 1-800-505-8998 or 1-250-365-6633.



events in the basin

Hospital Creek Fish and Habitat Restoration - Volunteer Opportunities
Jan. 1, 2003 to Dec. 1, 2005
Hospital Creek, Golden, BC
Contact: Grant Arlt, Golden District Rod and Gun Club

Headwaters, Waterways, Hot Springs and More... Learning and Enrichment Travel Programs
June 8, 2003 to Nov. 5, 2003
Travel routes throughout BC and AB
Contact: Jamie Burns, 1 (866) 745-1690 or (613) 530-2222

The Wonder of Water

Canadians across the country are using the United Nations International Year of Fresh Water to launch a two-year celebration of the importance of water to our way of life.

Hundreds of events celebrating how water shapes the land upon which we live and how it defines us as a nation are taking place across the coun-

try, including the Columbia Basin region.

The Columbia Basin Trust is a major sponsor of the Wonder of Water.

Visit www.wonderofwater.ca for more information about the initiative.

2nd Radium Hot Springs Glass Art Show - Special Event

Aug. 23, 2003 to Oct. 13, 2003
Radium Hot Springs, Radium, B.C.
Contact: Donna Cook, 1 (800) 767-1611

Living with Wildlife Family Event

Sept. 26 to Sept. 27, 2003
Various Locations, Radium Hot Springs and the Upper Columbia Valley, BC

Contact: Kathleen Wilker, (250) 347-6525, www.livingwithwildlife.ca

British Columbia Rivers Day - Special Event

Sept. 28, 2003
Various locations, British Columbia

Contact: www.orcbc.ca

Elk Riverfest - Interpretive Paddle

Sept. 28, 2003
Departs Rip'n Richards, Fernie, BC
Contact: Lee-Anne Walker, (250) 423-4306

Interested in finding out more about the Columbia Basin Trust and possible funding opportunities!!

Columbia Basin Trust Community Liaisons are available to come speak to your community group. Call 1-800-505-8998 or 1-250-365-6633.

Protecting one of the most at-risk species

Since 2001, CBT has provided \$62,000 to help in the recovery of the Northern Leopard Frog through environment funding.

Article courtesy of the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program

Frogs are mysteriously declining around the globe, and populations in British Columbia are no exception. Since the 1970s, the Northern Leopard frog, one of North America's most common frog, has virtually disappeared in Western North America.

In B.C., it was common to see leopard frogs throughout the East and Central Kootenays and in the Southern Okanagan. However since their mysterious decline this species is only found in a single wetland in the protected Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area (CVWMA). This population is listed as endangered and protected under the new Species At Risk Act.

Although it is hard to estimate the numbers of frogs in the CVWMA, biologists have confirmed no more than six breeding pairs.

While factors such as habitat loss, pesticides, UV-B, global warming and the introduction of fish species (which prey on tadpoles) all likely contribute to their decline, biologists in Creston have found another cause, a newly discovered disease caused by Chytrid fungus.



Photo: Rachel Elkey

(Above) CBT staffer Jean Terlesky (middle) releases baby Northern Leopard frogs at the Bummer's Flats Conservation Area. (Left) Baby Northern Leopard frogs.

Numerous leopard frogs have been found dead and dying from the fungus, which is also responsible for the

decline and extinction of frogs in other parts of the world including Panama and Australia. As a result, Northern

Leopard frogs in B.C. are highly susceptible to extirpation and unlikely to recover without assistance.

In an effort to keep Northern Leopard frogs from completely disappearing from B.C., biologists have designed a facility in Creston to rear tadpoles in a safe environment free of disease and predators as a part of a multi-agency recovery program. Since 2001, the program has successfully reared and released more than 5,000 juvenile frogs and several thousand tadpoles in the CVWMA.

On August 7, biologists released approximately 1,500 juvenile frogs in the Bummer's Flats Conservation Area between Wasa and Fort Steele, a site where Northern Leopard frogs used to occur. These are the first leopard frogs to inhabit the East Kootenay in over 20 years, a major turning point in the recovery of this species in British Columbia.

Partners in the Northern Leopard frog recovery project include the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program, CVWMA, Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (MWLAP), World Wildlife Fund, Environment Canada and Columbia Basin Trust. The Bummer's Flats Conservation Area is managed by Ducks Unlimited Canada and MWLAP for its fish and wildlife values.

Monitoring and evaluating key to learning, accountability

CBT is a learning organization that places a high priority on monitoring and evaluating its activities and operations. CBT launched a monitoring and evaluation process this past year to assist us in being a learning and accountable organization. Monitoring and evaluation provides information to support decision-making by:

1. Evaluating how CBT works (consistency with its principles) and what CBT achieves by:
 - (a) clearly stating in writing what CBT intends to achieve prior to undertaking an activity;
 - (b) collecting accurate and evidence-based information (qualitative and quantitative) needed to evaluate results objectively; and
 - (c) providing recommendations for changes based on the outcomes of the evaluation.
2. Monitoring changes in social, environmental and economic Basin well-being.

For more information, contact Agnes Koch at 1-800-505-8998 or 1-250-426-1102.

Youth!

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How the funding is distributed

ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Arrow Lakes

Arrow Lakes Youth Society - Children's Summer Theatre Program \$1,750
Cinefil - Cinema Club \$2,000
Fire Valley Theatre - The Kootenays Are Revolting \$1,750
Lakeside Singers Society - Spring 2002 Community Concert \$400

Castlegar and Area

Castlegar and District Community Services - Youth Mural Project \$2,000
Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society - Art Exhibit \$350
Blueberry Creek Teen Council - Youth Art Show \$300
Kootenay Old Time Fiddlers Association - Fiddle Workshop \$2,000

Columbia Valley

Rose Michel Pow-Wow Committee - Rose Michel Memorial Pow-Wow \$1,000
Sharon Wass - Biography of Nancy Tegart \$1,000
Gordon Askey - CD: Music of the Columbia Headwaters \$2,000
Heritage Faire Committee - International and Heritage Faire \$500

Cranbrook and Area

Norman Weitzel - Study Jazz Trombone \$400
Aboriginal Community - Celebrating Canada's Culture Ktunaxa Style \$1,435
Ktunaxa Nation Dance Troupe - Through Song and Dance \$2,390
Kootenay Children's Festival - A Start in Art \$1,000
Karen Miller - Music Demo: Survivors \$1,000
Lloyd Dean - Knife Making Workshop \$800
ManWoman - Autobiography: Homesick for Eternity \$1,000
Ronda Wood - Junior Clay Handbuilding Workshop \$775

Creston and Area

Ashlene Chadburn Multicultural - Earth Day Celebration \$200
Creston Valley Prospectors and Lapidary Club - Increase Awareness \$710
Kootenay Blacksmiths Association - School Demonstrations \$1,800
Radiance Video Service - Video: Kootenay Lake Valley Community Forests \$1,885
Wynndel Community Centre - Upgrade Arts Facility \$1,045

Fernie and Area

Fernie Secondary Community Art Project - Mobile Project: Mystique of the Elk \$2,100
Tree Weaver Sound - Didgeridoo Summer Tour \$500
Troy Cook - Basin Road Songs \$800
Fernie and District Historical Society - Compilation of Joseph Frederick Spalding \$1,300

Golden and Area

Greig Bethel - Book: Towards the Mountains \$1,600
Pamela Filfil - CD: The Phoebe Tree \$900
Michelle Johnson - Kootenai Pictographs \$750
Enid Petherick - Paintings: Here Comes the Sun \$750
Deanna Funk - Professional Development: Construction of Anagama Kiln \$500

Kimberley and Area

Kimberley Summer Theatre Society - Open Air Vaudeville Show \$3,000
Tanya Siega - Children of the Rockies \$1,200
Twila Austin - Medieval Garden: Clay and Iron \$1,000
Dorothy Robinson - Studio Tours \$500
Kimberley International Folk Festival - Kimberley International Folk Festival \$1,725
Kimberley Municipal Library - Library Commemorative Book \$725

In 2002-2003, Columbia Basin Trust provided \$4,036,000 in funding to the following projects and services in the Columbia Basin region. For more information on funding opportunities or descriptions of the programs CBT offers, visit the website at www.cbt.org or call 1-800-505-8998.

North Kootenay Lake

Brian Cullen - Sound Poetry Book: Cellophane Drums \$1,400
Lynn van Deursen - Lardeau Valley Summer Youth Theatre \$2,000
Carol Ross - Framing for Artwalk \$300
Susan VanRooy - Illuminated Nature Journal \$1,000

Nelson and Area

Nelson and District Museum Society - Map and Photo Conservation and Access Project \$700
Don Gayton - Kootenay Stories \$1,200
Nathan deBridgde - Culture Capsule \$1,000
Sean Kilpatrick - Photos: Kootenay Pastime Adventure Series \$500
Susie O'Donnell - Shakespeare's Shorts The Tragedies \$800
Kootenay Film and Video Co-op - RSVP: Summer Youth Video Project \$2,000
Kootenay Nelson Arts Collective - Performartch \$1,300
Nelson and District Youth Centre - Youth Art Project: Legal Graffiti \$500
Nelson Heritage Theatre Society - Nelson History Theatre Project \$800

Revelstoke and Area

Darrel Delaronde - CD: The River \$1,250
Mark McKay - Public Sculpture \$750
David Walker - Art Marketing \$750

Rossland and Area

Anna Clark - Jewellery Collection \$900
Boomtown Garter Girls - Website Development \$1,125
Rossland Childcare Society - Children's Art Show and Sale \$450
Rossland Potters Guild - Glaze Workshop: Research and Development \$900
The Tuques - Video: The Kootenays Rock \$1,125

Salmo and Area

Jill Caglayan - Matte and Frame: Light Body Images \$500
Salmo Art Club - Life Drawing Workshop \$480
Courtney Anderson - Metal Wall Sculpture \$1,500
Shirley McMahon - Creative Papermaking: Planting Seeds \$520
Al Magaw - Book: Best Friends \$1,000
Gloria Currie - Salmo-Ymir Historical Fine Arts Exhibit \$1,000

Slocan Lake

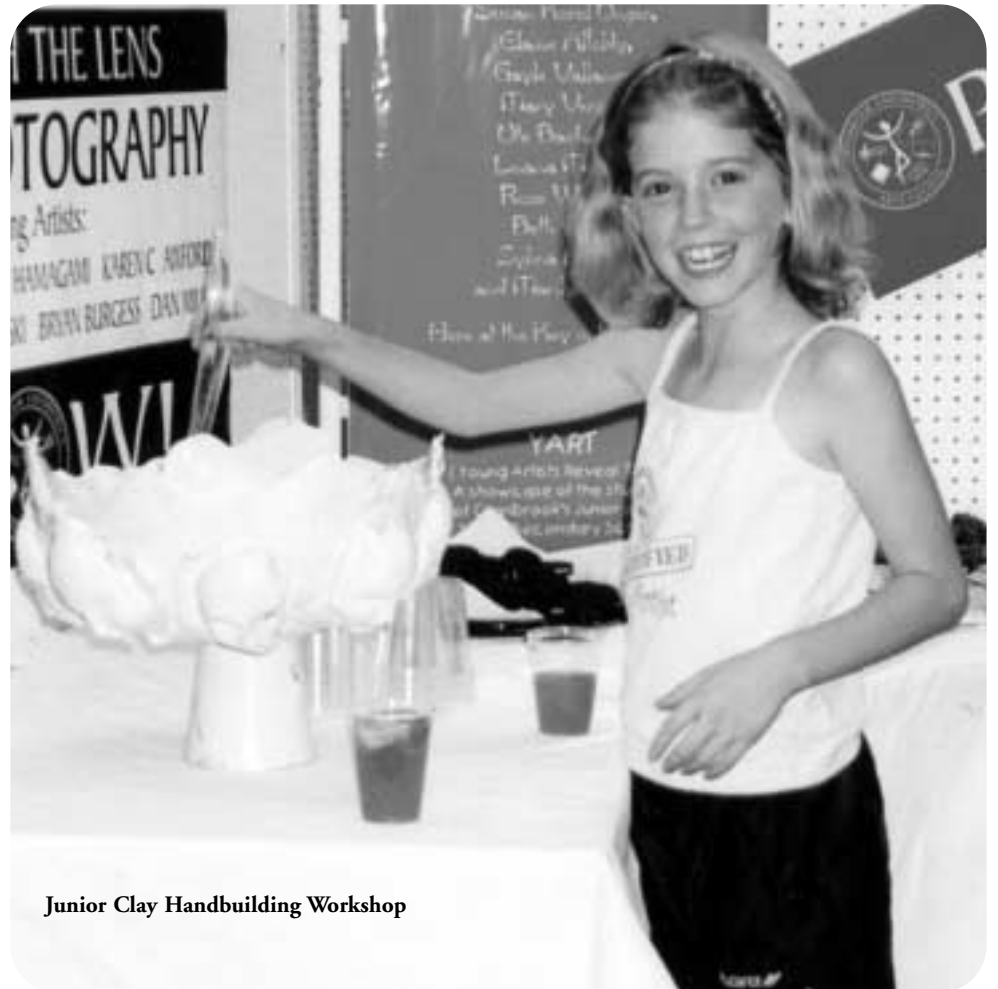
Elly Scheepens - Sculpture Course: The Human Head \$600
Morgen Bardati - Workshops: Making Imprints \$1,550
Hidden Garden Gallery - Community Portfolio \$1,930
Sandon Historical Society - Sandon Historical Book Project \$1,500

Slocan Valley

Pamela Nagley Stevenson - Altar Services: Reliquaries of Remembrance \$1,000
Heather Lippert - Body of Work: Reflections of Motherhood \$600
Nancy Harris - Theatre: Heritage Vignettes \$1,000
Koots Roots Culture Festival - Koots Roots Culture Festival \$1,500
Sarabande Youth Music Ensemble - Youth Music Performance \$500

Sparwood and Area

Elkford Secondary Art Career Preparation - Wilderness Banners and Hydrants \$1,200
Sparwood Post Office - Wall Mural \$2,000
Tammy Clowers - Promo CD \$1,000
Teri Cleverly - Pottery and Paint Workshop \$800



Junior Clay Handbuilding Workshop

Trail and Area

On-Stage - Battle of the Bands \$1,000
On-Stage - Gazebo Series \$900
Trail and District Public Library - Literary Arts Series \$1,300
Beaver Valley Youth Centre - Youth Mural Project \$1,300

Valemount

Florence Smith - Children's Stories \$1,000
Eeva Sisko Porter - Postcards - Mt. Robson \$700
Diane Martin - Violins of the Valley Development Program \$1,350

CAPITAL FUNDING

Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts - Portable Staging/Risers \$1,500
Valley Voices - Portable Choir Risers \$1,000
Rossland Light Opera Players - Portable Sound System \$2,000
Columbia Valley Music and Festivals Association - Equipment Share: Acoustic Panels and Lighting \$1,500
Capitol Theatre Restoration Society - Sound Equipment Upgrade \$2,000
North Kootenay Lake Arts and Heritage Society - Canopies and Carts \$1,000



Multicultural Fashion Show

Arts, Culture and Heritage *continued*

MENTORING

Many Hands Ktunaxa Artisans Co-op - Indigenous Arts Mentoring-BC Festival of the Arts \$1,000
 Jolmana - Afro-Cuban Percussion Workshop \$600
 Slocan Valley Threads Guild - Photo Opportunity \$800
 Langham Cultural Society - Mentoring with Ruby Truly \$900
 Lake Windermere Players - Mainstage Theatre Festivals Workshops \$600
 Kimberley Creative Writing Group - Writing Workshop The Longer Story \$600
 Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts Society - Music Bursary Fund \$500

TOURING

Kimberley Summer Theatre Society - Vaudeville Performance \$1,500
 Troy Cook - Basin Road Songs \$2,000
 Tanya Siega - Children of the Rockies \$2,000
 Cathy Pulkinghorn - Visual Art: Scorched \$1,000
 Peter Christensen - Word and Music \$2,000
 Columbia Lake Band - Cultural Awareness - First Nations Dance \$1,000
 Footlighters - Theatre: Danny and the Deep Blue Sea \$500

DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

Kimberley Arts Council \$2,000

BASIN BEST VISUAL ART TOUR

Summer 2003

BASIN CULTURAL CONFERENCE

Nelson and District Arts Council Oct. 4-6, 2003



Baby Northern Leopard Frog Release

BASIN YOUTH IN COMMUNITIES

Arrow Lakes Youth Society - Youth Discovery Study \$3,000
 Yellow Ribbon Project - Yellow Ribbon Project \$1,500
 Rocky Mountain Training Institute - First Impressions \$1,300
 Rocky Mountain Elementary School - Young Art Workshops \$7,500
 Crawford Bay Elementary-Secondary School - Community Recreation Group Youth Recreation Survey \$4,000
 East Kootenay Alcohol and Drug Counselling Services Society - P.A.R.T.Y. Program Youth Integration Project \$8,000
 Golden Women's Resource Centre - Theatre of the Oppressed Squad \$8,000
 District of Invermere - Invermere Skateboard Park \$7,500
 Crawford Bay Elementary/Secondary School - Riondel Youth Centre \$4,000
 ANKORS - Creating Safe Spaces \$10,000
 Mercy for Youth Society - Youth Centre Equipment \$4,000
 Edgewater Recreation Society - Edgewater Youth Centre-Phase 2 \$4,650
 Nelson and District Youth Centre - Nelson Youth Development and Support Services \$6,500
 Kaslo Area Youth Centre - Kaslo Youth Mural Project \$7,500

BASIN BUSINESS ADVOCATES PROGRAM

Steele O'Neil and Associates - delivery partner Basin Business Advocates Program \$245,220.77

CAPACITY BUILDING

Project Development Consultant for Social Programs 2002 \$36,000
 Capacity Building for Affordable Housing Projects \$5,044
 Social Planning Inventory of the Columbia Basin \$5,000
 Project Development Consultant for Basin Youth in Communities January 2003 \$1,600
 Project Development Consultant for Social Programs FY04 \$36,000

ENVIRONMENT OPTIONS PROGRAM

Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society - Sustaining Healthy Grasslands Symposium \$3,000
 The Land Conservancy - Wycliffe Wildlife Corridor \$30,000
 Kootenay Association for Science and Technology - Zero Waste Conference \$3,000
 Grasslands Conservation Council of BC - BC Grasslands Mapping Project \$5,000

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

Ktunaxa Kinbasket Development Corporation - St. Mary's Ecosystem Restoration \$19,650
 Fernie Rod and Gun Club - Wigwam Flats \$8,400
 Novus Consulting - Waneta Highlands Restoration \$15,000
 East Kootenay Environmental Society - Mark Creek Recovery \$19,965
 Osprey Communications - Bighorn in our Backyard \$15,000
 Lower Sand Creek Restoration Group - Lower Sand Creek Restoration \$15,945
 Columbia River Greenways Alliance - Columbia River Greenways \$20,000
 G.G. Oliver and Associates - Joseph Creek Restoration \$10,400
 Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Community Support/Capacity Building \$25,356
 Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Elk River Telemetry \$22,000
 Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal

Partnership - Salmo Telemetry \$20,000
 Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - St. Mary Telemetry \$43,000
 Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Sturgeon Recovery Program \$50,000
 Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program - Northern Leopard Frog \$26,000
 Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program - Purcell Caribou Transplant \$25,000
 Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program - East Kootenay Restoration \$10,000
 Rocky Mountain Naturalists - Dione Copper Butterfly Assessment \$2,350
 The Nature Conservancy of Canada - Mt. Broadwood Restoration \$14,448
 The Nature Trust - East Kootenay Wildlife Habitat Protection \$9,500
 Revelstoke Snowmobile Club - Caribou/Snowmobile Management \$8,845

PARTY Program



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Selkirk College - Environmental Education Capacity Building Phase 2 \$21,600
 Lichen Education - Environment Education Capacity Building Sub Contract \$3,052
 Selkirk College - 2002 Wetlands Institute \$7,500
 Friends of Kootenay National Park - Living With Wildlife \$4,500
 East Kootenay Environmental Society (EKES) - Get Bear Smart! Kimberley \$7,500
 North Columbia Environmental Society (NCES) - NCES Outreach Program \$10,000
 Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology - CMI Caribou Conference \$3,000
 Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society - Restoring Fire-Maintained Ecosystems \$10,000
 Columbia Basin Youth Coalition for Social Justice and Environment - Ethical Use of Water \$5,000
 Rossland Bear Aware - Human/Bear Conflict \$5,000
 Friends of the Columbia Valley Wetlands - Columbia Wetlands Interpretive Panels \$1,700
 Nelson District Community Resources Society - Earth Matters Community-based Education \$7,000
 Wings Over the Rockies Birds Festival and Wild Voices - Wild Voices for Kids \$12,000
 Mount Baker Secondary School - Joseph Creek Awareness \$11,700
 Blue Lake Forest Education Society - Alternative Energy for Youth \$4,000
 Mount Baker Secondary School - Walking in the Footsteps of our Ancestors \$12,135
 Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Kokanee Salmon Stewardship \$5,000

FAMILIES

Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services - Mental Health Consumer and Family Member Clubhouse \$32,080
 Columbia Basin Hospice Society - Columbia Basin Hospice Society Bereavement Resources \$12,500
 St. Mary's Indian Band - Community Skating Rink \$6,000
 North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society - Kaslo Area Families Together \$27,855
 Nelson and District Seniors' Coordinating Society - Volunteer Capacity for Health Promotion Projects \$22,345
 Planned Parenthood Cranbrook - Feasibility of Itinerant Reproductive Health Service Delivery \$5,720
 Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services - Ready or Not Parenting Program \$2,800
 Salmo Community Resource Society - Salmo Community Services Centre \$32,080
 Planned Parenthood Castlegar - West Kootenay Reproductive Health \$28,070
 Salmo Grows Together Society - Salmo Grows Together \$22,490
 WE Graham Community Service Society - Seeds of Self-Sufficiency After School and in the Community \$8,020
 Lindsay Park Elementary-Parents Advisory Council - Lindsay Park Elementary Wheelchair Accessible Playground \$16,040

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Golden and District Community Foundation \$50,000
 Columbia Valley Community Foundation \$50,000
 Kimberley and District Community Foundation \$50,000



COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

531 Air Cadet Squadron - Flight Simulator Training Project \$7,000
 Black Jack Cross Country Ski Club - Continental Cup Ski Race Development \$10,600
 Genelle Senior's Club - Senior's Equipment Replacement \$6,500
 Red Mountain Racers - Advanced Alpine Ski Training Facility Project \$8,500
 Rossland Resort Association - Red 80 Ultra Marathon Relay Race \$1,880.76
 Rossland and District Search and Rescue Society - Purchase of Search and Rescue Equipment \$9,000
 Rossland Swimming Pool Society - Pool Maintenance Equipment \$7,000
 Silver City Trap and Skeet Club - Silver City Trap Club Modernization \$6,000
 Trail and District Public Library - Access to Heritage Resources Program \$5,200
 Trail and District Chamber of Commerce - By Design Not Chance - Part 2 \$7,500
 Trail SPCA - Warm up the Shelter \$5,000
 West Kootenay Family History Club - B.C. Cemetery Finding Aid \$2,400
 Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Club - Amateur Radio Repeater \$8,000
 Revelstoke Women's Business Initiative Society - From the Ground Up Woodworking Shop Project \$2,000
 Community Futures Development Corporation of Revelstoke - Enterprise Facilitation Program \$10,000
 Okanagan University College-Revelstoke - Supported Adult Learning Centre \$20,000
 BC Conservation Foundation - Bear Aware Program-Year 4 \$8,000
 City of Revelstoke - Environmental Strategy \$25,000
 Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council - Legacy Fund (Arbor Construction) \$10,000
 Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council - Awards of Excellence \$1,500
 Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Tribal Council - Community Initiatives/Youth Elder Mentor \$10,000
 Whitetooth Race Teams Society - Whitetooth Race Team Equipment \$3,037
 Golden Child Care Resource and Referral - Childcare Purchase of Toys, Resources and Language Kit \$4,000 - Golden Curling Club Junior Curling Program \$2,500
 Golden Outdoor Recreation Association - Dawn Mountain Trail 2002 Extension Program \$10,000
 Nicholson Elementary School Parent Advisory Council - Playground Equipment \$4,230
 Kicking Horse Gymnastics Club - Start up Gymnastics Equipment \$12,706
 Mount Seven Recreation Association - Upgrades to Recreation Complex \$20,000
 Rotary Club of Golden - Timberframe Pedestrian Bridge \$50,000
 Golden and District Air Quality Committee -

Public Education Program and Air Quality Monitoring \$5,500
 Project Adamant Wilderness Experience - Canoe Trailer Purchase \$3,000
 Golden and District Search and Rescue - Outdoor Emergency Care First Aid Program \$2,000
 Golden Community Consulting Committee - Golden RCMP Diversion Program \$2,500
 Kinnikinnik Park Society - Kinnikinnik Park Restoration and Creation \$11,915
 Cranbrook Minor Lacrosse Association - Lacrosse Box/Outdoor Arena - Cranbrook Youth Park \$20,000
 Cranbrook Society for Community Living - Vocational Centre \$5,000
 Cranbrook Women's Resource Society - Cranbrook Multicultural Street Festival \$5,000
 City of Cranbrook - Cranbrook Youth Park / Skatepark \$26,000
 East Kootenay Environmental Society - Get Bear Smart! Kimberley Program \$1,000
 East Kootenay Environmental Society - Mark Creek Recovery Program \$3,000
 Elk Valley Critical Incident Response Team - Stress Management Training \$6,000
 Elk Valley Dolphins Swim Club Society - Swim Club Equipment/Training Aids \$6,149.83
 Elkford Curling Club - Curling Club Equipment Upgrade \$3,000
 Fairmont Hot Springs Fire Department - Rope Rescue Course / Equipment \$2,000
 Fernie and District Historical Society - Heritage Inventory / Recognition Program \$3,200
 Fernie and District Search and Rescue - High Visibility Vests for Search and Rescue \$2,000
 Fernie Recreational Trails Steering Committee - Old Stumpy Trail \$2,500
 City of Fernie - Glass Recycling and Environment Education \$2,000
 Grasmere Recreation Club - Grasmere Cemetery Upgrading and Maintenance \$1,000
 Grasmere Recreation Club - Seniors Community Bus Operating Expenses \$2,000
 Blue Lake Forest Education Society - Johnston Lookout Trail \$2,928.94
 Sparwood and District Fish and Wildlife Association - Michel Creek Fish Habitat Rehabilitation Project \$8,543.19
 Sparwood Curling Club - Facility Upgrade of Curling Club \$2,300
 Sparwood D.A.R.E. Program - Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) \$2,500
 Sparwood Firefighters - Sparwood AED Campaign \$4,178
 District of Sparwood - Junior Coach Development Project \$2,646.10
 St. Eugene Mission Heritage Restoration Society - Showcasing Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Heritage and Culture \$5,000
 Steeplesview Recreation Association - Wardner Sports Facilities \$24,100

Youth Links 2003



TLC - The Land Conservancy of BC - EK Rivers and Waterways Stewardship Program \$500
 Tobacco Plains Band - Tobacco Plains Play Ball \$2,604.72
 Wasa and District Historical Association - Homecoming 2002 Wasa \$500
 Wasa and District Lions Club - Wasa Lions Club Community Initiatives \$4,200
 Wasa Recreation Society - Power Amplification System \$1,579
 Youth for Kimberley Society - Recreational / Educational Programming \$9,000
 Riondel Community Garden Club - Enhancement and Preservation of Riondel's Green Spaces \$600
 Boswell and District Farmers' Institute - Wharf and Boat Facility Repairs \$4,000
 Wynndel Community Centre - Wynndel Community Centre Building Repairs \$3,000
 Hidden Garden Gallery Society - Community Portfolio \$2,400
 Rural Alternatives and Training Society - Vallican Whole Community Centre Repairs \$4,000
 Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society - Slocan Valley Trail Awareness Program \$1,230
 Deer Park and Area Communications Committee - Deer Park and Area Communications Engineering Study \$15,000
 Deer Park and Area Communications Committee - Deer Park and Area Communications Committee Society Registration \$500
 Castlegar Society for Search and Rescue - Search and Rescue Equipment \$2,300
 Middle Mountain Water Users' Community - Middle Mountain Water Intake Upgrade \$1,000
 Regional District of Central Kootenay - Anderson Point Parking Lot Expansion \$46,611.94
 Edgewood Community Club - Fire and Warning Air Horn \$3,236.01
 Edgewood Community Club - Edgewood Grave Markers \$6,123.77
 Edgewood Community Club - Red Cross Society Equipment Purchase \$5,501.37
 Edgewood Community Club - Edgewood Community Club Community Initiatives \$200
 Nakusp and Area Development Board - Ferry Tolls Court Case-Fauquier \$7,000
 Nakusp and Area Development Board - Ferry Tolls Court Case-Nakusp \$89,000
 Fauquier Volunteer Fire Brigade - Fauquier Fire Brigade Training \$862
 Fauquier Community Reading Centre - Fauquier Community Reading Centre Upgrades \$1,388
 Nakusp and Area Development Board - Ferry Tolls Court Case-New Denver \$800
 Friends of Mount Revelstoke and Glacier - Migration Monitoring Station-Year 2 \$8,000
 Revelstoke Community Childcare Society -

Adventurer's Summer Daycamp-Year 3 \$6,000
 Okanagan University College-Revelstoke - Business Plan for Ecological Field Studies and Learning Travel \$5,000
 North Columbia Environmental Society - Maintaining Momentum and Capacity Building \$13,000
 Planned Parenthood Revelstoke - Sexual Health Educator \$2,500
 Trout Lake Community Club - Dock Replacement \$20,000
 Revelstoke Arts Council - Revelstoke Public Art Gallery \$2,500
 Community Connections Revelstoke Society - Service Enhancement Project \$15,000
 Revelstoke Community Career Centre Society - Community Training Initiative-Year 3 \$15,000
 Mt. Begbie School Parent Advisory Council - Mt. Begbie School Grounds Greening \$2,000
 BC Interior Forestry Museum Society - Forestry Museum Displays \$5,000
 Revelstoke Community Career Centre Society - Youth Work Experience Tuition Subsidies \$2,400
 Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce - Visitor Information Centre (Hwy #1) \$4,000
 Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology - Support for Students to Attend Environment Workshops \$1,500
 Revelstoke and District Historical Association - Heritage Garden \$1,400
 Snowmobile Revelstoke Society - Snowmobile Society Manager \$5,000
 Timberline SnowGoers - Snowmobile/Recreation Trail Map \$3,598
 Valemount Curling Club - Valemount Curling Club Facilities \$2,228
 Valemount Arts and Cultural Society - Valemount Virtual Art Gallery \$3,431
 Village of Valemount - Valemount Interpretive Centre \$50,000
 Valemount Marina Association - Enhanced Recreation, Fishing and Camping Facilities \$12,490
 Golden and District Community Foundation - Golden Community Foundation Startup \$2,500
 10th Avenue Annex Park Committee - 10th Avenue Park \$1,750
 Blarhmont Elementary School PAC - Blarhmont Playground Replacement Kimberley \$4,500
 Brisco Recreation Commission - Community Hall Septic System Upgrade \$5,000
 College of the Rockies - Experiencing Trades Program \$1,000
 Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - Kimberley Family Literacy \$4,000
 Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - Windermere Valley Literacy Planning Conference \$1,500
 Columbia Valley Disaster Services - Equipment/Training/Columbia Valley Search and Rescue \$12,000
 Community Playground Committee - Toddler/Preschool Playground \$3,500

Basin Business Advocates Program



Cranbrook and District Recreation Project Society - Cranbrook Sports Fields \$6,500
 Cranbrook Archives, Museum and Landmark Foundation - New Railway Museum Facilities \$6,500
 Cranbrook Home Support/Cranbrook Health Council - Community Connections \$10,000
 Jaffray Cemetery Society - Jaffray Cemetery Improvements \$7,500
 Jaffray Volunteer Fire Department - Emergency Trailer for Fire Department \$9,432.50
 Joan Delich Kindergym Society - Kindergym \$2,900
 Kimberley Rocky Mountain Riders - Equine Education and Awareness Project \$1,000
 Kimberley Summer Theatre Society - Musical Stage Production \$3,000
 Kimberley Tennis and Badminton Club - Kimberley Tennis Centre Building Relocation \$2,000
 Kootenay Cultural Network of the Rockies - Digital Directory \$3,565.94
 Korea Veterans Association - Kennedy Hall Renovation Project \$19,000
 Lindsay Park Elementary-Parents Advisory Council - Lindsay Park Playground Project \$4,000
 Lower Sand Creek Restoration Group - Lower Sand Creek Stewardship, Restoration and Education Program \$2,500
 Mountain Meadows Golf Club - Rebuild Retaining wall at Golf Course \$6,000
 Royal Canadian Legion Branch 36 - Ceiling Tile Replacement of Legion Hall \$2,061
 Sand Creek Community Club - Jaffray Community Centre - Facilities Upgrade \$10,090
 Sand Creek Senior Citizens - Drop-In Centre Addition \$9,800
 Scouts Canada, 1st Marysville Scouts - Kootenay Trek 2002 \$700
 City of Fernie - Fernie Gymnastics Club \$3,831.82
 South Country Emergency Response Volunteer Society - Newgate Water Truck and Radios \$13,000
 Riondel Curling Club - Curling Rink Upgrade \$3,000
 Gray Creek Historical Society - Recorder/Transcriber Equipment \$1,600
 Gray Creek Hall Society - Gray Creek Hall Society \$300
 Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society - Community Hall Acoustics Upgrade \$2,246
 Erickson Improvement District - Fire Hydrants \$4,715
 Friends of Kitchener Society - Kitchener Community Centre \$1,795
 Lister Community Association - Lister Community Projects \$6,340
 Erickson Elementary PAC - Outdoor Classroom \$4,715
 Canyon-Lister Fire Department - Fire Hall Expansion \$3,929
 Harrop Procter Ferry Committee - Harrop-Procter Ferry Negotiations \$8,300
 Kootenay Cooperative Radio - Radio Station Equipment \$1,000
 Balfour Recreation Commission - Balfour Golf Course Clubhouse \$20,000
 Sunshine Bay Bike Park - Sunshine Bay Bicycle Park \$1,000
 Nelson and District Riding Club - Riding Club Facilities Upgrade \$12,150
 Balfour Harrop Fire Department - First Responder Equipment Purchase \$2,000
 Blewett Watershed Committee - Eagle Creek Restoration \$12,000
 Bonnington Regional Park Society - Bonnington Community Park \$22,000
 Passmore Public Hall Association - Passmore Hall Renovation \$6,000
 City of Castlegar - Columbia River Millennium Walkway \$37,500
 Creston and District Historical and Museum Society - Archival Project Summer Student \$1,000
 Civil Air Search and Rescue Association - Search and Rescue Survival Suits \$3,400
 Kootenay Blacksmiths' Association - Mobile Blacksmith's Shop \$2,000
 Creston and District Chamber of Commerce - Chamber of Commerce Summer Students \$4,100
 Creston Area Economic Development Society -

Creston Garden Festival - 2nd Annual \$2,000
 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps 1746 Parent Committee - Army Cadets Trailer Upgrade \$750
 Creston Community Radio Society - Community Radio Engineering and Program Study \$750
 Creston Valley Business Association - Creston Valley Family Trade Show \$2,000
 Creston Area Economic Development Society - Newsletter 'Community L.I.F.E.' \$1,500
 Barrette, Susan - Creston Fall Fair \$2,000
 Swalwell, Elizabeth H. J. - Creston Valley Quilt Festival \$2,000
 Creston Valley Rotary Club - Millennium Park Water Fountain \$2,500
 Earth Matters - Earth Matters Garden \$10,000
 City of Nelson - Lakeside Sports Field \$19,916
 Nelson Rowing Club - Rowing Club Boathouse \$10,000
 Valhalla Summer School of Music - Valhalla Summer School Tuition \$500
 Hidden Garden Gallery Society - Hidden Garden Gallery Community Portfolio \$500
 Slocan and District First Responders - First Responders Equipment and Training \$2,000
 Slocan District Chamber of Commerce - Chamber of Commerce Internet Domain Name \$300
 Valley of the Ghosts Fall Festival - Valley of the Ghosts Fall Festival \$500



Moyie Playground

ECONOMIC OPTIONS PROGRAM
 Nelson and Area Economic Development Corporation - Arts, Culture and Heritage Economic Impact Analysis \$15,000
 West Kootenay Regional Arts Council - Regional Event Producers Association \$2,100
 Regional District of Kootenay Boundary - Greater Trail to the Future \$15,000
 The Cranbrook Festival of Lights Society - Cranbrook Festival of Lights \$2,000
 Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce - Excellence in Service Awards \$5,000
 Village of Valemount - Valemount and Area Snowmobile Trails Maintenance \$15,000
 Nakusp and District Chamber of Commerce - Visitor Information Centre \$19,000
 Capitol Theatre Restoration Society - Capitol Theatre Summer Youth Project \$4,000
 Slocan Valley Cycling Club - The Glacier View Grand Prix 2002 Race \$2,500
 Fauquier and District Golf - Advertising for the Arrow Lakes Golf Clubs \$1,625
 Slocan District Chamber of Commerce - Slocan Lakes Events Calendar/Brochure \$1,000
 Castlegar and District Wildlife Association - Deer Creek Remediation Plan \$6,950



Environment

EARLY CHILDHOOD SUPPORTS

Summit Community Services Society - Daycare Equipment Upgrades \$8,000
 Creston and District Community Resource Centre Society - Creston Valley Family Place \$40,000
 Bright Beginnings Community Preschool - Improvements to Fernie's Early Childhood Services \$7,404
 West Kootenay Family and Child Care Society - Nakusp and Area Healthy Families Resource \$5,000
 Slocan Lake Early Learning Society - New Denver Nursery School Sustainability Project \$14,877
 Valemount Children's Activity Society - Program Enhancement and Early Year Support \$22,000
 Kaslo and District Public Library - Storytime \$1,000
 West Kootenay Family and Child Care Society - Strengthening Attachment \$34,025

EDUCATION OPTIONS PROGRAM

West Kootenay Library Association - EBSCO Online Database \$500
 Creston Concert Society - Peters Drury Trio School Workshop \$250
 Cranbrook Women's Resource Society - Multicultural Fashion Show \$250

RESOURCES FOR FAMILY LITERACY

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy - delivery partner
 Resources for Family Literacy \$200,000

JOINT PROGRAM OPTIONS

Field Heritage Tourism Committee - Mt. Stephen Gallery \$5,000
 Tourism Action Society in the Kootenays - Product Club \$9,500
 Creston Valley Teachers' Association - Creston Social Justice Symposium \$3,500
 North Kootenay Lake Arts and Heritage Council - Community Foundations Conference \$1,000
 Mrs. B's Teen Drop-In Centre Association - Let's Get Real \$1,000
 Kootenay Cooperative Radio - Rural Vocations \$1,000
 Planning Institute of BC Conference 2003 - Planning Institute of BC Annual Conference \$1,000
 Blue Lake Forest Education Society - Blue Lake Dining Hall \$7,500
 Earth and Sky Fabric Design Society - Earth and Sky Fabric Design \$13,500

LAND TRUST

The Nature Trust - Waldie Island Acquisition \$5,000

MICRO LENDING PILOT PROJECT

Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Kootenay Micro Lending Pilot Program \$35,000

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rural Economic Development Team - delivery partner
 Rural Economic Development \$63,000

SOCIAL OPTIONS PROGRAM

3 Valley Metis Association - Cross-Generational Healing for Youth and Elders \$6,000
 Kootenay Society for Community Living - Annual Fall Conference 2002 \$5,000
 North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society - Coping with Cutbacks/Strategies for Change \$6,000
 Work Opportunities Resource Cooperative - Work Opportunities Resource Cooperative \$3,000
 Scouts Canada, 1st Marysville Scouts - Kootenay Trek 2002: No Pass Too High \$1,000
 Kootenay Lake Independent School Society - Periwinkle Children's Centre Assistance \$400
 Kootenay Family Place - Robson Children's Centre Funding \$2,000
 New Denver Kyowakai Society - 60th Anniversary of the Forced Relocation \$3,000
 Kootenay Society for Community Living - Operation Trackshoes, Kootenay Krushers Team \$1,500

YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (SCHOLARSHIP)

Diana Dearden \$8,000
 Lindsey Rouleau \$8,000
 Martina Bezzola \$8,000
 Jessica Trozzo \$8,000
 Aaron Glover \$8,000
 Jenna Rae Lucy Peterson \$8,000
 Anneli Schadeli \$8,000
 Anna Templin \$8,000
 Caitlin Perry \$8,000
 Melissa Brasseur \$8,000
 Kyle Buhler \$8,000
 Zoe Caron \$8,000
 Jessica Haskins \$8,000
 Raycene Hudec \$8,000
 Jeffrey Malik \$8,000
 Steven Mandeli \$8,000
 Brad Therrien \$8,000
 Angela Rupp \$4,000
 Elissa Berrill \$4,000
 Basil Veerman \$4,000
 Lillan Burmeister \$4,000

TELECOMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Columbia Mountain Open Network Inc. Community Broadband - Detailed Business Plan Development \$150,000

WATER MANAGEMENT

Water Management \$11,484

YOUTH FORUM

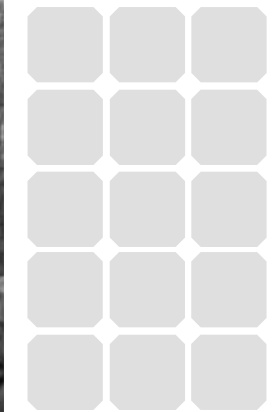
Columbia Basin Youth Action Forum \$30,000

YOUTH LINKS

Earth Matters - delivery partner
 Youth Links Program \$150,000

YOUTH MEDIA

Scratch magazine and scratchonline.ca website \$20,000



Connecting Cultures

Camp provides opportunities for Ktunaxa families to rediscover roots

Staying in teepees, visiting pictographs, hiking some of the Spirit Trail, visiting the Top of the World park chert quarries, canoeing, and visits by Elders are only part of what Ktunaxa youth and families are rediscovering about their culture through the Akisqnuq Rediscovery Camp.

The 10-day camps, held at the Cave Creek Campground at Whiteswan Lake, offer cultural and recreation programs, training and activities that address the challenges facing youth Ktunaxa families.

“The camp is unique because Whiteswan Lake is a spiritual place, steeped in history and legend and has a great deal of meaning to the Ktunaxa people,” says Robert Firth, Camp Director and visionary behind the idea.

Whiteswan Lake, which is located within the Kootenay Ranges of the Rocky Mountains, was an important seasonal hunting camp of the Ktunaxa people. Their use of the area dates back at least 5,000 years. There is a Ktunaxa legend that young men would go to Cave Creek on a vision quest.

“According to Elders, there is a ledge under the lake and a small cave that the young men would go to on their vision quest,” says Firth. “Being at this camp, you can feel that it is a special place. You can understand why they would come to this place.”

During the 10-day stays, campers participate in crafts, traditional games from many different tribes and nations, and hiking to pictographs and chert quarries. Chert is a type of glass-like rock that is made into sharp tools that have been found in large parts of North America through trade with other tribes.

Elders and traditional use workers from Ktunaxa/ Kinbasket Treaty Council come to the camp and explain the history of the area, and to teach the campers about traditional values of land use and culture.

“One Elder tells the campers a legend of a battle that took place on that ground between the Blackfoot Tribe and the Ktunaxa.”

Just before sunset the campers participate in ‘spirit time.’

“Each person is encouraged to find a special place that feels good to them. They take one hour just for themselves in solitude to reflect on where they are, physically and emotionally and to connect with the place. Then they come back to the circle fire and they are encouraged to speak about anything on their mind in a non-threatening and very supportive way,” says Firth.

The first camp held this summer was a boys-only. The boys play games, mostly with sticks and stones.

“My favourite part of the camp

was spirit time. I got to learn about myself and how the day went. I also like swimming, cliff jumping and sleeping in teepees,” says Eli Puskaric, 12, of the Columbia Lake Band.

A girls-only camp started August 5. The goal of the girls-only camp is for them to learn about rites of passage and their place in society now and historically by elders. They also do all of the activities the boys do.



In late fall, family camps are held.

“We really want families to come and connect back with their culture and history and have this experience together,” says Firth.

The Akisqnuq Rediscovery Camp has five junior guides and two senior guides who mentor the younger guides. They are



trained in canoe safety and rescue, bear awareness, first aid and wilderness survival. Many of the senior guides have professional training from other camps and have brought that experience back and shared it with the junior guides.

The camp is in its first year of what the organizers hope to be an annual experience.

“The vision was shared by many people, and could not have become real without the support of many people; we are not reinventing the wheel but rediscovering what was already there,” says Firth, the Community Healing Coordinator for Columbia Lake Band, who spent many hours getting the camp ready, from clearing wind-falls, to organizing gear and securing funding and setting up the site. “All of the comments have been really favourable so

far, so we really hope we can continue this next year.”

Columbia Basin Trust provided \$37,776 through the Families Program and \$10,000 through the Basin Youth in Communities program.

“The work is absolutely worth it everyday,” says Firth. “I didn’t anticipate the connection with the site that would come with the camp. I knew that there would be some connection, but not this strong. As you go to sleep at night and hear the sounds of owls, loons, eagles, and see the fish, there is a strong sense of connection to this very special place.”

Akisqnuq means people between two lakes (Columbia and Windermere Lakes). It is also the name of the Columbia Lake Band.

