A n 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.
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.

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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.

If you have any questions or comments on Columbia Basin Trust’s Report to Residents or to request additional copies, please contact CBT Communications at 1-250-426-8012 or 1-250-426-1103.

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.
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 appointees 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, Rossland, 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.

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Ronald Miles
Cranbrook
Ron Miles is a lawyer in private practice and, since 1995 has been a partner with Miles, Danusz, 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 Kinmen 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.
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

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### 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

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### investment policy

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.

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.
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.

**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 volunteered for a lunch program, bingo, the Queen’s Annual May Day Tea, and organized fundraisers to support graduation ceremonies.

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

**Elissa Berrill**
Slocan Park
Elissa’s community activities include CEO of her grade class, running environmental council on Student Council, organizing camp activities, counselling students through a mentorship program, and running an activity day for students in the Slocan Valley.

**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 Rekilde 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 sits 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.

**Rayene Hudson**
Salmo
Rayene 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.

**Melissa Braseur**
Rosiond
Melissa’s service to her community involves peer tutoring, organizing dance for local youth, teaching badminton and beginner clog dancing, fundraising for cancer patients, and helping to organize events for children at Rosiond Days and the Annual School Milk Run.

**Angela Rupp**
Barriere
Angela initiated Interact to give others an opportunity to help people less fortunate. She was the vice-president of the graduation executive, 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 represented 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 shines 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 served for seven years at weddings, funerals and Sunday mass.

**Zoe Caron**
Procter
Candy stripping 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 Schadeli**
Creston
Volunteering for a number of community organizations including the Wheelchair Foundation, Girl Guides, and the Kaminoko Friendship Society are amusing 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 Bluhler**
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 Connections 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**
Carnbar
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 Lions 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 troubleshooters 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.

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.

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

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 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 country, 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.

Hospital Creek Fish and Habitat Restoration - Volunteer Opportunities
Contact: Grant Arlt, Golden District Rod and Gun Club

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

Low water at Kinbasket Reservoir north of Golden

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

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 frogs, 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. 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 Bummers 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.

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 becoming 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.

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

Check out www.scratchonline.ca for events, jobs, volunteer opportunities, discussions, or post art, articles or opinions. This website is for young people living in the Columbia Basin as a way to connect with each other. Download the latest issue of the SCRATCH zine featuring art and words from young people across the Basin. Log on to www.scratchonline.ca and sign up for a free newsletter.

Youth!
How the funding is distributed

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.

ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

North Kootenay Lake
Brian Callen - Sound Poetry Book: Cellophone Drums $1,400
Lynn van Deursen - Land規劃 Valley Summer Youth Theatre $2,000
Carol Ross - Framing for Artwalk $300
Susan VanRooy - Illuminated Nature Journal $1,000

Kootenay and Area
Dorothy Robinson - Studio Tours $500
Kootenay International Folk Festival - Children's Art Show $1,725
Kootenay Municipal Library - Library Exhibits $350

New Kootenay Old Time Fiddlers Association - Fiddle Workshop $2,000

Kootenay
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Kootenay Children's Festival - A Start in Art $1,000
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**MENTORING**
Mwaysi Kumanax Artisans Co-op - Indigenous Arts Mentoring-BC Festival of the Arts $1,000
Johannes - Afro-Cuban Percussion Workshop $600
Sockeye Valley Thredes Guild - Photo Opportunities $800
Langham Cultural Society - Mentoring with Ruby Truly $900
Lake Windermere Players - Mainstage Theatre Workshop $600
Kimberley Creative Writing Group - Writing Workshop $1,000
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 Earth $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

**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
Columbia Basin Hospice Society Bereavement Resources $3,000
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**
Kumanax Kumanax Development Corporation - St. Mary’s Ecosystem Restortion $19,650
Fernie Rod and Gun Club - Wigrum Flats $8,400
Novus Consulting - Waneta Highlands Restoration $15,000
East Kootenay Environmental Society - Mark Creek Recovery $19,965
Opshy Communications - Birhors 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 $25,376
Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership - Ekl 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 Canibou Transplant $25,000
Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program - East Kootenay Restoration $10,000
Rocky Mountain Naturalists - Donor 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

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND AWARENESS**
Selkirk College - Environmental Education Capacity Building Phase 2 $21,600
Lichen Education - Environmental Education Capacity Building Sub Contract $3,052
Kaslo Area Youth Centre - Kaslo Youth Mural $7,500
Columbia Bay Elementary/Secondary School - Rrondel Youth Centre $4,000
Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology - CMF Caribou Conference $3,000
North Columbia Environmental Society (NCES) - NCES Outreach Program $10,000
Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology - CMF Caribou Conference $3,000
Columbia Basin Youth Coalition for Social Justice and Environment - Ethical Use of Water $5,000

**FAMILIES**
Arrow and Sockeye Lake 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
Kaslo Area Families Together $27,855
Columbia Valley Community Foundation $50,000
Golden and District Seniors’ Coordinating Society - Volunteer Capacity for Health Promotion Projects $22,345
Columbia Wetlands Interpretive Panels $1,700
Nelson District Community Resources Society - Earth Matters Community-based Education $7,000
Wings Over the Rockies Bird Festival and Wild Voices - Wild Voices for Kids $12,000
Mount Baker Secondary School - Joseph Creek Awareness $11,780
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 Foresters Renewal Partnership - Kokanee Salmon Stewardship Fund $5,000

**ENVIRONMENTAL OPTIONS**
Columbia Basin Youth Coalition for Social Justice and Environment - Ethical Use of Water $5,000

**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 At Art Workshops $7,500
Columbia Wetlands Interpretive Panels $1,700
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 - Roundel Youth Centre $4,000
Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology - CMF Caribou Conference $3,000
Columbia Basin Hospice Society Bereavement Resources $3,000
Columbia Wetlands Interpretive Panels $1,700
Columbia Basin Youth Coalition for Social Justice and Environment - Ethical Use of Water $5,000

**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
Cranbrook and District Ski Racing - Advanced Alpine Ski Training Facility Project $8,590
Rosedale Resort Association - Red 80 Ultra Marathon Relay Race $1,880.76
Rosedale and District Search and Rescue Society - Purchase of Search and Rescue Equipment $9,000
Rosedale 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
Beverley Valley Amateur Radio Club - Amateur Radio Repairer $8,000
Revelstoke Women's Business Initiative Society - From the Ground Up Woodworking Shop Project $2,000
Continuum Forest Development Corporation - Revelstoke - Enterprise Facilitation Program $10,000
Okanagan University College- Revelstoke - Supporting 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
Whiteserow Race Teams Society - Whiteserow Race Team Equipment $3,037
Golden Child Care Resource and Referral - Childcare Purchase of Toys, Resources and Language Kit $4,000
Golden Curling Club - Facility Upgrade $3,000
Fairmont Hot Springs Fire Department - Rescue Course / Equipment $2,000
Floods and District Historical Society - Heritage Inventory / Recognition Program $5,000
Fernie and District Search and Rescue - High Visibility Vests for Search and Rescue $2,000
Fernie Recreational Trails Steering Committee - Old Stump Trail $2,500
City of Fernie - Glas Recycling and Environmental Education $2,000
Grasmere Recreation Club - Grasmere Community Centre Uplifting 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
Spawroad and District Fish and Wildlife Association - Michel Creek Fish Habitat Restoration Project $8,543.19
Spawroad Curling Club - Facility Upgrade of Curling Club $2,900
Spawroad D.A.R.E. Program - Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) $2,500
Spawroad Firefighters - Spawroad AED Campaign $4,177.98
Deer Park and Deer Trail Development Project $2,646.10
St. Eugene Mission Heritage Restoration Society - Showcasing Ktunaxa/Kinbasket Heritage and Culture $5,000
Steepview Recreation Association - Winder Sports Facilities $24,180

PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM AND AIR QUALITY MONITORING
Project Adamant Wilderness Experience - Canoe Trailer Purchase $3,000
Golden and District District Search and Rescue - Outdoor Emergency Care First Aid Program $2,000
Golden Community Consulting Committee - Golden RCMP Division Program $2,500
Kinnikinnik Park Society - Kinnikinnik Park Restoration and Creation $11,915
Granbrook Minor Lacrosse Association - Lacrosse Box/Outdoor Arena - Cranbrook Youth Park $20,000
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 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 Equipment Upgrade $3,000
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Connecting Cultures

Camp provides opportunities for Ktunaxa families to rediscover roots

Staying in tepees, 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 Akisqnuk 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 glassy 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’ K’inbasket 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 tepees,” 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.

The camp is in its first year of operation. 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 windfalls, 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.”

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