

These board highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **February 2/3, 2017** which was held in Cranbrook, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Board elected Rick Jensen as Chair of the Trust Board of Directors and Laurie Page as Vice Chair.
- The Board approved \$6.15 million for a three year large capital grants program for built heritage in the Columbia Basin, to be delivered in partnership with Heritage BC. Along with the recently approved Heritage Support Program, this forms a new Trust heritage sector program that will focus on maintaining an inventory of heritage buildings and assets, a professional heritage position providing guidance and expertise, and the capital grants program. Read the news release at ourtrust.org/heritage.
- The Board approved \$450,000 over three years in operational funding to Avalanche Canada to support their public avalanche safety programs that greatly benefit the Basin, a region with mountainous terrain and avalanche-prone areas. Avalanche Canada is a non-profit organization based in Revelstoke that provides leadership, development, communication, coordination and delivery of public avalanche safety products and services across Canada.
- The *Columbia Basin Trust Service Plan for 2017/18 – 2019/20*, which outlines Trust goals, performance measures and related targets and financial forecasts, will be presented in February to the BC Legislature as part of the Province's annual budget. The Service Plan can be viewed at ourtrust.org/serviceplan as of **February 21**.
- The Board approved the reappointment of Jim Fisher to the Social Advisory Committee for a two year term expiring January 31, 2019. Learn more about the role of Trust advisory committees at ourtrust.org/board.
- The Board approved other decisions and those will be announced following discussions with partners.
- The following is the 2017 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - April 7/8 Golden
 - May 26/27 Rossland
 - July 21/22 Creston
 - September 22/23 Salmo
 - November 24/25 Invermere
- The following is the 2018 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - February 2/3 Fairmont
 - April 6/7 Nakusp
 - May 25/26 Castlegar
 - July 20/21 Revelstoke
 - September 21/22 Fernie
 - November 23/24 Nelson
- Board meeting minutes are posted to the Trust website after they have been approved by the Board at the following meeting. View minutes here: ourtrust.org/publications.