These board highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **September 21/22, 2018** which was held in Fernie, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Board approved $4.98 million for the continuation of the Basin Youth Network for three years that includes support for 28 Community Youth Networks, a Regional Coordinator as well as program development and delivery. Learn more about our youth initiatives at [ourtrust.org/youth](http://ourtrust.org/youth).

- The Board allocated an additional $4 million toward addressing the Trust’s affordable housing strategic priority, and approved an updated Housing Initiatives Strategic Framework 2018/19 to 2020/21 that guides the Trust’s work on how to support Basin communities with their housing needs. Learn more about our work in housing at [ourtrust.org/housing](http://ourtrust.org/housing).

- The Board approved $1.5 million for a new Digital Community Grants program to support the acquisition and use of technology resources in community spaces, like libraries, to enhance the digital literacy of Basin residents. The program will open later this fall.

- The Board approved $3 million over three years for a new Basin Enhanced Sites and Trails Initiative to support the improvement and maintenance of existing recreation trails infrastructure as part of the Trust’s efforts to improve the recreation and physical activity opportunities for residents in the Basin. This initiative will launch later this fall. Learn more at [ourtrust.org/recreation](http://ourtrust.org/recreation).

- The Trust held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Fernie on September 21, 2018. The AGM focused on the presentation of the **2017/18 Annual Service Plan Report** and highlights from the past year. The report is available online at [ourtrust.org/annualreport](http://ourtrust.org/annualreport) or call 1.800.505.8998 for a copy. The AGM presentation is available online at [ourtrust.org/AGMpresentation](http://ourtrust.org/AGMpresentation). Highlights of the Trust’s work are also captured in Our Trust magazine which is delivered to households across the Basin in early fall. Read the magazine at [ourtrust.org/magazine](http://ourtrust.org/magazine).

- The following is the 2018 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
  - November 23/24  Nelson

- The following is the 2019 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
  - January 25/26  Montrose
  - April 5/6  Elkford/Sparwood
  - May 24/25  Balfour
  - July 19/20  Valemount
  - September 20/21  Creston
  - November 22/23  Aq’am

- 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](http://ourtrust.org/publications).