

This Board Highlights provides a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **May 27/28, 2016** which was held in Valemount, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The *2015/16 Annual Service Plan Report* and the *2015/16 Consolidated Financial Statements* for the year ended March 31, 2016 were approved. They will be available at cbt.org/annualreport when the provincial Public Accounts are released in mid-July.
- The Board approved a grant of up to \$393,000 to support The Nature Trust of British Columbia's purchase of the Bull River Grasslands Corridor, a property east of Cranbrook near the Kootenay Trout Hatchery, for the purposes of ecological land conservation. The Trust's land conservation initiative supports the procurement and stewardship of lands for ecosystem conservation, and supports the Trust's *Environment Strategic Plan 2014-2019*. Learn more at cbt.org/environment.
- The Board approved a new climate resilience program that will support communities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change impacts. Launching later this year, the program builds on the work of the Trust's previous climate change initiatives—the Communities Adapting to Climate Change Initiative (2008 to 2015) and Carbon Neutral Kootenays (2009 to 2014)—and advances Trust activities to meet the *Environment Strategic Plan 2014-2019* goal to address climate change. Learn more about the Trust's climate change activities at cbt.org/climatechange.
- The Board allocated \$1.5 million toward addressing the Trust's affordable housing strategic priority in 2016/17. The Trust expects to complete an overall framework this fall which will guide its work on how to support Basin communities with their housing needs. Community organizations seeking more information should contact their local Manager, Community Relationships at 1.800.505.8998.
- The Board approved the appointment of Castlegar resident Steven Miros to the Environment Advisory Committee for a three year term expiring May 31, 2019.
- The following is the 2016 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - September 23/24 Kaslo
 - November 25/26 Trail
- The following is the 2017 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - February 3/4 Cranbrook
 - April 7/8 Golden
 - May 26/27 Rossland
 - September 22/23 Salmo
 - November 24/25 Invermere
- Board minutes from previous meetings can be viewed [here](#).

Residents are welcome to attend the public component of the Trust's Board meetings. If you wish to make a specific presentation to the Board, please contact Jane Medlar at 1.800.505.8998 or jmedlar@cbt.org.