

Our Trust, Our Future Community Workshop Summary Edgewood



The discussion themes and ideas summarized in this document originated from Basin residents attending the *Our Trust, Our Future* Edgewood Community Workshop and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of CBT staff and management. View all Community Workshop Summaries online at www.ourtrustourfuture.cbt.org



Background: The necessity to renew the [Columbia Basin Management Plan Strategic Priorities](#), the 20th anniversary of the [Columbia Basin Trust Act](#) and an expected increase in revenue have created an opportunity to reconnect with Basin residents. The purpose of the *Our Trust, Our Future* engagement process is to seek input from a diverse cross section of Basin residents to help inform the Trust's priority setting, decision-making, planning and delivery mechanisms.

From September 2014-September 2015, Columbia Basin Trust (the Trust) is undertaking a broad, three-phased engagement process¹ with Basin residents that includes various methods for participation and input. The Trust is gathering input from residents through Community Workshops, small group meetings, staffing booths in public spaces and online <http://www.ourtrustourfuture.cbt.org>.

Upon completion of Phase 1, the Trust will develop a Phase 1 final report that compiles input from across the Basin received through various engagement methods. The final report will identify regional themes from Phase 1 input and will review the input alongside other planning and input processes completed in the Basin (i.e. Integrated Community Sustainability Plans, CBT Strategic Planning, First Nations Strategic Plans, etc.). It is not possible for the Trust to take action on all input provided in Phase 1, but the Trust will consider all input from Phase 1 to focus discussions and develop recommendations in Phases 2 and 3.

Community Workshops: Community Workshops across the Basin are one of many ways the Trust is receiving input from Basin residents. The purpose of the Community Workshops is to identify what is important in each community and potential areas of action for the Trust. This input will be considered and analyzed along with input from various engagement methods from across the Basin in Phase 1.

The Edgewood Community Workshop summary reflects the input from Edgewood Community Workshops participants and does not necessarily represent broad community priorities.

This summary, compiled by the Trust summarizes the format and themes from input and discussions that took place at the *Our Trust, Our Future* Community Workshop held in Edgewood on October 16, 2014. 31 residents attended the session in Edgewood with approximately 28 residents attending the facilitated dinner conversation (5:30-7:30pm). Participants were able to provide input on the following:

- What makes their community great;
- Their most important themes and ideas;
- What the Trust does now that works well;
- Anything new they would like the Trust to do;
- Aspirations for the future (5, 10 or 20 years).

During the dinner conversation, participants worked in groups to determine what they wanted to happen in their community and what they would need to make it a reality. Questions were then asked as to how the Trust could support the ideas and needs identified.

Summary: Themes and Ideas

Themes and ideas identified in the Edgewood Community Workshop are listed below. The results are organized and ordered based on frequency of mention at the Edgewood Community Workshop and provide a snapshot of the input provided by participants.

¹ Phase 1 of the *Our Trust, Our Future* engagement process will gather input on Basin priorities and ways the Trust can support now and into the future. Phase 2 will narrow down the focus on specific priorities and build recommendations to renew the Trust's strategic priorities and how the Trust works with communities. Phase 3 will develop actions plans based on input gathered in Phases 1 and 2.

Mentioned most often

Community Infrastructure

- More/Maintain community halls/arts centres
- Local amenity improvements/beautification (ponds, river fronts, clean-up graffiti)
- Nice public washrooms

Ecosystem Restoration and Conservation /Environmental Sustainability

- Undertake habitat (and species) restoration and reclamation
 - Improve the ecology of the lake

Health Care

- More accessible local health services including 24-hour emergency service
- Maintain ambulance service

Broadband

- Ensure all communities have access to affordable high speed internet

Recreation and Physical Activity

- Develop/Restore/Maintain/Support more and year-round recreational facilities
 - More covered/indoor swimming pools
 - Covered ice rink
 - More/improve camping facilities
 - More/Improve boating facilities and launches/Marina
 - Bowling alley

Seniors' Services

- Home care services for seniors so they can stay in their homes
- Diversity of affordable housing options for seniors

Mentioned often

Economic Development, Diversification and Recovery

- Support innovation and sustainability in existing small businesses

Mentioned occasionally

Agriculture, Healthy Food and Food Security

Affordable Housing

Arts and Culture

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

Education

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability

Poverty Reduction

Social Programs and Poverty Reduction

Waste Management

Water Management

Children and Youth Programs

Summary: Trust Support (Current and Future)

In addition to important themes and ideas in communities, the Trust is gathering data with regard to *how* communities want to be supported.

Because the data on how the Trust can support communities now and into the future have been more limited at the Community Workshops, including Edgewood, no themes can be drawn from the input on an individual community level. As more data are gathered through the Community Workshops and online, analysis will be completed and regional themes will emerge. Further results will be included in the Our Trust, Our Future final report. Phase 2 of the process will focus on how the Trust can support communities now and into the future based input from Phase 1. A random sample of input from the Edgewood Community Workshop is provided below.

- Direct focus (funding) to impacted areas
- Not per capita basis funding
- Regular visits to the community

Summary: Community Specific Ideas

Some workshop participants identified community specific ideas, expanding upon the identified themes and ideas above. While there was no consensus regarding these community specific ideas, examples of ideas mentioned for Edgewood included:

- Improve the aesthetic appeal of community i.e. breakwater and other eyesores
- Fire truck and pipe to hydrants to reduce home insurance costs/fire services
- Local recreational facilities i.e. camping, marina and boat launches
- Cell service

Workshop Prize:

Participants at the Edgewood session entered to win a \$1,000 prize to donate to a local non-profit of their choice. In Edgewood, the winner donated the prize to the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department.