

These board highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **April 5/6, 2019** which was held in Elkford and Sparwood, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Board approved \$5.35 million over three years and a renewed Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation (CBBC) Business Plan for 2019/20 – 2021/22 that will guide the Trust's efforts in broadband initiatives with the following three continuing objectives:
  1. Expand the availability of affordable broadband in the Basin.
  2. Facilitate and enable social and economic development initiatives that use broadband technology and the CBBC network.
  3. Improve the financial sustainability of CBBC.

Learn more about our work in broadband at [ourtrust.org/broadband](http://ourtrust.org/broadband).

- The Board approved \$1 million over the next two years in additional funding for the Trust's First Nations Housing Sustainability Initiative (FNHSI). The FNHSI supports First Nations communities in the Basin with asset management and capacity building, energy retrofits and repairs, and new builds for affordable housing projects. Learn more about our work in housing at [ourtrust.org/housing](http://ourtrust.org/housing)
- The Board approved a new program to support land acquisitions that could include land, buildings and other land-based infrastructure and amenities that support a variety of community and regional priorities such as recreation, economic development, cultural values and heritage preservation. The new program is part of the Trust's Land Acquisition Initiative, one of our thirteen strategic priority areas for 2016 – 2020, and will launch in July 2019.
- Owen Torgerson (nominated by the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George) was appointed to the Trust Board of Directors effective March 11, 2019. Owen is life-long resident of Valemount and currently serving as its Mayor. Learn more about the Trust Board at [ourtrust.org/board](http://ourtrust.org/board).
- The following is the 2019 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
  - May 24/25 Kaslo
  - 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).