These board highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **May 22, 2020**, which was held via videoconference. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The impacts of COVID-19 continue to create short and long-term challenges for communities and residents throughout the region. To date, the Trust has allocated $11.7 million to projects and initiatives to provide immediate support in response to COVID-19 impacts, with diverse and valuable feedback from Basin communities that has informed our efforts.

Learn more about the Trust's COVID-19 response at [ourtrust.org/COVID19](http://ourtrust.org/COVID19) or call 1.800.505.8998.

- The Board approved $4.2 million for the renewal of the Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs for the year 2021/22. These programs are delivered through the Trust’s local government and First Nations community partners to support local projects that benefit communities. Learn more about the programs at [ourtrust.org/cip](http://ourtrust.org/cip).

- The **2019/20 Annual Service Plan Report** and the **2019/20 Consolidated Financial Statements** for the year ended March 31, 2020 were approved. They will be available at [ourtrust.org/annualreport](http://ourtrust.org/annualreport) when the provincial Public Accounts are released in mid-July.

- The Trust currently has several committees which provide advice on how the Trust delivers benefits in the region. The Board approved the reappointments of Sarah Boyle from Revelstoke, Eva Schindler from Krestova and Heather Leschied from Nelson to the Environment Advisory Committee for two-year terms to expire April 1, 2022. Learn more about our advisory committees at [ourtrust.org/advisorycommittees](http://ourtrust.org/advisorycommittees).

- The following is the 2020 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors. At this time, meetings will be held via videoconference. Locations for future meetings will be updated based on the ongoing assessment of the COVID-19 health risk.

  - July 17/18 Videoconference
  - September 18/19 Rossland (AGM)
  - November 20/21 Radium

- The following is the 2021 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:

  - January 29/30 Castlegar
  - March 26/27 Fairmont
  - May 28/29 Revelstoke
  - July 23/24 Salmo
  - September 24/25 Kimberley (AGM)
  - November 26/27 Fernie

- 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).