

These board highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **November 25/26, 2016** which was held in Trail, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Board approved the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation Business Plan for 2016/17 to 2019/20. The Board also approved \$4.2 million in new funding to achieve the objectives outlined in the Business Plan which will guide the Trust's work in the area of broadband over the next three years. Learn more about broadband initiatives here: [www.ourtrust.org/broadband](http://www.ourtrust.org/broadband).
- The Board approved \$600,000 over the next three years for a new Heritage Support Program that will spearhead Trust efforts to build local organizational capacity for heritage in the Basin. These efforts will include training and capacity building activities such as establishing a heritage professional in the Basin. More details to come in early 2017.
- The Board approved the [Housing Initiatives Strategic Framework 2016/17-2019/20](#) that will guide the Trust's work in supporting Basin communities to address their housing needs. The Board approved \$15 million over the next three years to achieve the objectives outlined in the Strategic Framework. Community organizations seeking more information should contact their local Manager, Community Relationships at 1.800.505.8998. Learn more at [www.ourtrust.org/housing](http://www.ourtrust.org/housing).
- The Board approved \$280,000 for 2017/18 to support the Basin network of Early Years community tables that coordinate and develop local resources to support healthy development of young children, support an annual region-wide conference and to fund further research to identify future Trust roles in Early Years priority areas. More details to come in early 2017.
- The Board approved the renewal of the Invasive Species Partnership program for another three year term. This program helps address threats posed by priority invasive species throughout the Basin, including threats to environmental, economic and recreational values and supports the Trust's *Environment Strategic Plan 2014-2019*, learn more at: [www.ourtrust.org/environment](http://www.ourtrust.org/environment).
- The Board approved the budget for 2017/18. The Trust's Service Plan provides budget details and will be made available online in February 2017 at [www.ourtrust.org/serviceplan](http://www.ourtrust.org/serviceplan).
- The following is the 2017 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
  - February 2/3 Cranbrook
  - April 7/8 Golden
  - May 26/27 Rossland
  - July 21/22 Creston
  - September 22/23 Salmo
  - November 24/25 Invermere
- The following is the 2018 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
  - February 2/3 Fairmont
  - April 6/7 Nakusp
  - May 25/26 Castlegar
  - July 20/21 Revelstoke
  - September 21/22 Fernie
  - November 23/24 Nelson

- 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](mailto:jmedlar@cbt.org).