

These board highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **July 21/22, 2017** which was held in Creston, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Board approved \$3.63 million over three years for implementation of a new Child Care Support Program this fall. Strengthening resources for child care in the Basin remains one of the Trust's strategic priorities and the program will address this priority in three main areas:
  - Developing a Child Care Capital Grants program that will support a range of needs such as purchasing specialized equipment, renovating existing facilities and constructing new child care spaces.
  - Providing financial support to access Early Childhood Educator training and address workforce gaps.
  - Developing an advisor role to work with child care operators to access existing resources and develop shared resources that address common operational needs.
- The Board approved \$500,000 to implement a new poverty reduction initiative. Enhancing the quality of life for Basin residents living in poverty is a key objective of the Trust's *Social Strategic Plan*. Under this initiative, the Trust will issue a request for proposals this fall for up to four community led projects in the region that will develop, implement and evaluate innovative poverty reduction solutions with an aim to share project results and outcomes with key stakeholders across the Basin.

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

- The Board approved \$10 million over five years for a new Ecosystem Program that would implement large scale ecosystem enhancement, restoration and conservation projects across the Basin. Enhancing ecosystem health and native biodiversity in our region is one of the Trust's strategic priorities. The Trust will implement the program this fall.

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

- The Trust currently has two advisory committees which provide advice on how the Trust delivers benefits in the area of environment and social in the region.

The Board approved the following re-appointments to our Environment Advisory Committee:

- Jayme Jones is re-appointed for a one-year term expiring September 30, 2018
- Brendan Wilson is re-appointed for a two-year term expiring July 31, 2019
- Jeff Zukiwsky is re-appointed for a two-year term expiring July 31, 2019.

The Board approved the following appointments to our Social Advisory Committee:

- Curtis Bendig is re-appointed for a two-year term expiring June 30, 2019
- Anne Cooper is re-appointed for a two-year term expiring June 30, 2019
- Kerri Wall is appointed for a three-year term expiring July 31, 2020. Ms. Wall, based in Fernie, is a Community Health Facilitator for the Interior Health Authority of BC in the Kootenay and Boundary regions.

Learn more about our Advisory Committees at [ourtrust.org/board and leadership](http://ourtrust.org/board and leadership)

- The Board appointed Jocelyn Carver to the Board of Directors of Columbia Basin Development Corporation (CBDC), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Trust, for a term expiring March 31, 2018. Ms. Carver, based in Nelson, brings a strong background in cooperative management and workforce development to the Board. She currently sits on the

Nelson & Area Economic Development Partnership advisory committee and was recently nominated for the Kootenay Business – 2017 Influential Women in Business Awards.

- The Board approved the *Statement of Financial Information Report 2016/17*. This report includes financial statements, schedules of employee and Board remuneration and expenses, and payments to suppliers of goods and services over \$25,000 provided to the Trust and all its subsidiaries. The statement can be found on the Trust website at [ourtrust.org/publications](http://ourtrust.org/publications).
- The Trust will be hosting its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Salmo on September 22, 2017 at 4:00 pm. The Trust will present its *2016/17 Annual Service Plan Report* and highlights from the previous year, which will also be found in the upcoming *Our Trust* magazine distributed to all Basin residents and businesses.
- The following is the 2017 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
  - 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 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).