

These board highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **January 25/26, 2018** which was held in Fairmont, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Board elected Rick Jensen as Chair of the Trust Board of Directors and Wendy Booth as Vice Chair. Murray McConnachie from Trail (nominated by the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary) and Jocelyn Carver from Nelson were recently appointed by the Province. Learn more about the Trust Board at ourtrust.org/board.
- The Board approved \$750,000 for a three-year Public Arts Program to support local artists and expand the audience for art by assisting communities to acquire and display art by Basin artists in public spaces. This program will launch in the coming months. Learn more about the Trust's support for arts, culture and heritage initiatives at ourtrust.org/arts-culture-heritage.
- The *Columbia Basin Trust Service Plan for 2018/19 – 2020/21*, which outlines Trust goals, performance measures and related targets and financial forecasts, will be presented in February to the BC Legislature as part of the Province's annual budget. The Service Plan can be viewed at ourtrust.org/serviceplan **as of February 20**.
- An information session about the Columbia River Treaty was held for the Board to provide Directors with an overview of the history, objectives and benefits of the current Treaty as well as key roles of the provincial, federal and U.S. governments. The Trust's role is to provide information and education to Basin residents to build their understanding and awareness on this issue. Learn more about the Columbia River Treaty here ourtrust.org/publications.
- The Board approved frameworks for three strategic priorities: agriculture, recreation and physical activity, and renewable and alternative energy. Programming will be developed over the coming months. Follow our progress at ourtrust.org/priorities.
- The following is the 2018 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - April 6/7 Nakusp
 - May 24/25 Castlegar
 - July 20/21 Revelstoke
 - September 21/22 Fernie
 - November 23/24 Nelson
- The following is the 2019 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - January 25/26 Trail
 - April 5/6 Sparwood
 - May 24/25 Kaslo
 - July 19/20 Valemount
 - September 20/21 Creston
 - November 22/23 Cranbrook
- 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.