

These board highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **May 24/25, 2018** which was held in Castlegar, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Board approved \$282,000 over the next three years for the Columbia Basin Trust Bursary. It provides bursaries annually to Basin residents attending post-secondary programs at Selkirk College, College of the Rockies, and Okanagan College, Revelstoke Campus. Learn more at ourtrust.org/bursary and learn about all of the Trust's education and training programs at ourtrust.org/grants.
- The Board approved \$500,000 for the 2018/19 year to support land conservation securement projects in the region. Since 1999, the Trust has supported ecological land conservation activities and furthers this work with our Land Conservation and Stewardship Initiative, one of a number of programs and initiatives within the Trust's *Environment Strategic Plan 2014 – 2019*. Learn about our environment work at ourtrust.org/environment.
- The Board approved \$800,000 for the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) to purchase 70 hectares of land for a new regional park in Crawford Bay on the East Shore of Kootenay Lake. This project supports East Shore residents to create a regional park in recognition of a range of values, including ecological, economic, tourism and public access to recreation. It also aligns with our Community Priorities and Land Acquisition strategic priorities identified in the Trust's *Columbia Basin Management Plan 2016 – 2020*. Read the news release [here](#).
- The *2017/18 Annual Service Plan Report* and the *2017/18 Consolidated Financial Statements* for the year ended March 31, 2018 were approved. They will be available at ourtrust.org/annualreport when the provincial Public Accounts are released in mid-July.
- The Trust has the right to nominate two directors to the Board of Directors of [Columbia Power Corporation](#). The Board approved the nominations of Rick Jensen and John Stephens.
- Carol Andrews was appointed to the Trust Board effective May 14, 2018. Carol resides in Castlegar and is a Registered Professional Forester who worked as a forestry consultant across the province before becoming an instructor at Selkirk College.
- The Board approved the reappointment of Greg Anderson to the Environment Advisory Committee for a three-year term expiring May 31, 2021.

Learn more about the Trust Board and the role of advisory committees at ourtrust.org/board.

- The following is the 2018 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - 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.