

These board highlights provide a general overview of discussion items and major decisions made at the Board of Directors meeting on **November 23/24, 2018** which was held in Nelson, BC. It excludes confidential information such as business negotiations, personnel issues and legal matters.

- The Board approved \$3.2 million for a new three-year **Community Wildfire Program** to help Basin communities reduce wildfire risks. The program will launch in Spring 2019. Learn more about how we are delivering on our Climate Action Program at ourtrust.org/climateaction.
- The Board approved \$300,000 each for two new social initiatives. Project ideas will be sought starting in December:
 - **Food Recovery Initiative** will support projects that develop, implement and evaluate innovative food recovery solutions.
 - **Social Isolation Initiative** will support projects that develop, implement and evaluate collaborative, community-based solutions to reducing social isolation such as projects that reduce barriers and/or encourage connection to community services, activities and events for vulnerable residents.
- The Board approved up to \$650,000 to support Nature Conservancy of Canada's (NCC) purchase of the Next Creek property, a 7,882-hectare parcel with high ecological value surrounded by the NCC Darkwoods Conservation Area. Learn more about our environment initiatives at ourtrust.org/environment.
- The Board approved the budget for 2019/20. The Trust's Service Plan provides budget details and will be made available online in February 2019 at ourtrust.org/serviceplan.
- The following is the 2019 meeting schedule for the Trust Board of Directors:
 - January 25/26 Montrose
 - April 5/6 Elkford/Sparwood
 - May 24/25 Kaslo
 - July 19/20 Valemount
 - September 20/21 Creston
 - November 22/23 Aq'am
- 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.