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Highlights of the RDCK Board Meeting • March 16, 2017

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Our Trust

The Board was pleased to welcome Columbia Basin Trust (Trust) delegates Board Chair Rick Jensen, CEO/President Johnny Strilaeff and Director of Communications Delphi Hoodicoff to its meeting. The Trust has experienced a significant increase in annual revenue; it has gone from \$25 million to in excess of \$55 million per year. The Trust spent 1.5 years consulting with Basin residents on how the money should be spent. After collecting over 17,000 comments, the Trust identified 13 priorities. One of those is an affordable housing strategy; it will spend \$15 million over three years with a goal to create 150 housing units. The Trust has created 405 units since 2009. It has also launched a new \$2 million energy retrofit program to upgrade existing housing units.

The Trust has supported an Agriculture Land Use Inventory in the RDCK and has implemented the Regional Agriculture Liaison Service in partnership with the RDCK, RDEK and RDKB. The Trust is engaging agriculture experts to develop specific actions to implement agriculture strategic direction. In the area of arts, culture and heritage, the Trust has inventoried built heritage assets in the region. It has established a Built Heritage Grants program which will have its first intake this spring. The Trust has committed \$6.75 million to a three-year partnership with Heritage BC. A Heritage BC planner will be based in the region to support local organizations.

The Trust works in partnership with the Regional Broadband Committee. It is managing the completion of the current rural federal project which will benefit 12,000 rural households. The project is expected to be completed in 2018. Economic development is a major focus of the Trust; it has allocated \$20 million to this priority over three years. It has purchased a commercial building in Trail to create an innovation centre with a local entrepreneur. The investment of one million dollars resulted in six loans and the creation of 30 jobs.

On the environmental front, the Trust is implementing a new climate action program to support community efforts to adapt to climate change and reduce GHGs. It is also assisting interface wildfire risk mitigation in the region by providing funding to organizations to access provincial grants. The RDCK has received \$82,000 of this funding. The Trust is helping to drive "Accelerate Kootenays," an endeavor to support the RDCK, RDEK and RDKB in developing electric vehicle charging stations. The Trust is providing between \$600K to \$1.1 million for the project. It's also trying to incentivize local car dealerships to sell more electric vehicles. The Trust will hold a Symposium from October 13-15, 2017 in Kimberley. The theme is "Thriving in a Changing Landscape" and will focus on three global trends: demographics, technology and climate change.



Lastly, the delegates spoke about Neil Muth, the Trust's former CEO/President and a great friend to the RDCK. The RDCK is contributing \$5,000 per year from 2016—2021 to the Neil Muth Scholarship Fund. \$10,000 a year will be made available per year to provide two to four scholarships to local students.

Police in the Building

Inspector Tom Roy and Corporal Leanne Turscherer of the Kootenay Boundary Regional Detachment attended the Board meeting and provided the Directors with the RCMP's "BC Elected Officials Guide." The Inspector encouraged Directors to connect with the commanders in their community detachments. The RCMP is currently setting its policing priorities for the Kootenay Boundary for 2017—2018.

The delegation advised that police are visiting the region's school to address drug issues, particularly Fentanyl.

Grants En-TRUSTed to our Region

The Trust has allocated \$1,528,074 to the RDCK for Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program funding.

Financial Plan

The Board has adopted the RDCK's 2017 – 2021 Financial Plan. Taxation in the General Administration service will not change from 2016, however the Rural Administration service will increase by 28%, which translates into an extra \$9 on a \$300,000 home. Reasons for this include the hire of a part-time bylaw officer and the expansion of the RDCK FireSmart program. Other changes include increases to the transit budgets due to expansion around the region. To view the budgets for the almost 165 services managed and delivered by the RDCK, visit our website at www.rdck.ca on March 31st.

Enhancing Mitigation

The RDCK will apply to the Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia for 100% funding for pilot project prescriptions for \$37,300 at Selous Creek and \$33,450 at Queens Bay and if successful, tender work for these projects.

Funding to Get Smart, FireSmart

The RDCK is receiving grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 for FireSmart planning area Areas D, E, F and H, I and J.

A-Buzz in Area D

The Board will write a letter to the Honourable Bill Bennett requesting the ministry's assistance in obtaining financial support from BC Hydro for the RDCK's mosquito abatement program in Electoral Area D.

Planning for Space

The Board received a staff report on the space needs of the RDCK for both staff and equipment, as well as the development of a regional fire training centre. Staff were directed to conduct more research and come back to the Board at a future meeting with more options.

April Board Meeting

The April Board meeting will be held on the 13th (the date has been changed from the 20th).



GRANTS

Community Development Grants

AREA A

South Kootenay Lake Community Service Society: \$3,000

AREA B

Creston Valley Junior Hockey Society: \$2,500
Kunze Gallery: \$2,500
Creston Valley Public Art Connection Society: \$2,831
Canyon Community Association: \$1,500
Creston Valley Youth Soccer Association: \$1,000
Fields Forward: \$4,481.50
Lower Kootenay Band Pow Wow Committee: \$1,000
Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce: \$400
Columbia Brewery: \$500
Canyon Lister Fire Department Society: \$3,000
RDCK Area B Tourism, Economic Development & Communication Society: \$3,750

AREA C

Creston Curling Club: \$750
Creston Judo Club: \$1,000

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CCB-VIBE-Creston Chapter: \$1,000
West Kootenay Eco Society: \$500

AREA E

Zone 6 BC Seniors Games: \$500
West Kootenay Regional Science Fair: \$500
Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development: \$9,324
Freedom Quest Youth Services Society in lieu for Caring Communities Committee Conference: \$500

AREA G

Salmo Legion Branch 217: \$2,000
Salmo Valley Estates: \$2,000
Selkirk College Glows: \$250

AREA H

Freedom Quest Youth Services Society in lieu for Caring Communities Committee Conference: \$500

AREA I

Pass Creek Neighbourhood Association: \$1,000
Wildsight Living Lakes Canada Program: \$2,000
Stanley Humphries Secondary School: \$1,000



Castlegar and District Chamber of Commerce:	\$250
Freedom Quest Youth Services Society in lieu for Caring Communities Committee Conference:	\$500

AREA J

Castlegar and District Hospital Foundation:	\$1,000
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AREA K

Arrow Park Community Association:	\$2,000
Arrow Lakes ATV Club:	\$5,000
Alfa Guild:	\$2,500
Summit Lake Racers:	\$1,000
Nakusp Community Radio Society:	\$2,000

Discretionary

AREA A

Starbelly Jam Society:	\$2,500
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AREA B

Creston Curling Club (seniors' travel):	\$500
Kokanee Country Snowmobile Club:	\$500
Creston Curling Club:	\$500
Creston Wave Swim Club:	\$1,000
Prince Charles Secondary School Boys Basketball:	\$500
Creston Valley Minor Hockey Association:	\$500

AREA C

Boots and Stools 4H Club:	\$1,500
Kokanee Country Snowmobile Club:	\$500
Creston Valley Youth Soccer Association:	\$1,500
Ducks Unlimited Canada:	\$1,000

AREA E

Nelson Blueliners Womens Hockey Team:	\$500
West Kootenay Regional Science Fair:	\$500

AREA F

Nelson Blueliners Womens Hockey Team:	\$500
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AREA I

West Kootenay Regional Science Fair:	\$250
Shoreacres Community Hall:	\$500
Zone 6 BC Seniors Games:	\$500

Area A Economic Development:

South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (Food Roots):	\$11,483.00
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Recreation Commission No. 9 (Area A)

South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (ESTBA Insurance): \$1134

Nelson, E, and F Economic Development:

Area E allocation:

- Keiko Lee Hem (for graphics work on Nelson Area 2017 Visitors Guide): \$323.51
- Black Press - Nelson Star (for Vacation Guide): \$2,110.24
- Balfour District Business Historical Association: \$5,000
- Balfour District Business Historical Association: \$6,000

