

# GROWING

COLUMBIA BASIN TRUST

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REPORT TO RESIDENTS  
Summer 2006



**Message from the Chair**

The 2005-06 year, our 10th anniversary, has been significant in the history of Columbia Basin Trust (CBT). We've taken a very close look at where we are, as well as where we want to be. Our continuing objective is to be as effective as possible in providing social, economic and environmental benefits to the residents and vibrant Columbia Basin communities in which we all live.

To mark our 10-year anniversary, we held a symposium to get feedback from residents of the Basin. The symposium was very productive in that people had the opportunity to speak out and let us know how they thought we were doing. There were two key points raised: (1) the sense of ownership Basin residents feel concerning the ongoing operations of CBT, and (2) the need for improved communications—an increasingly important aspect of how CBT delivers on its mandate.

As you have probably already heard, CBT did not proceed with the option to purchase Columbia Power Corporation (CPC) from the Provincial government. CBT is now focusing on a new partnership with CPC, which meets the goals of both corporations.

The CBT Chief Executive Officer, Neil Muth, has been with us for almost a year now. Neil has an extensive finance and policy analysis background and the Board looks forward to working with him in carrying out our mandate into the future.

I believe that CBT has an opportunity, and a real responsibility, to act as a steward and ensure the Basin's special qualities carry on and grow. As we move into our second decade, we are more committed than ever to work with residents to seize this opportunity and help the Basin prosper.



Josh Smienk, Chair  
Columbia Basin Trust



**Message from the CEO**

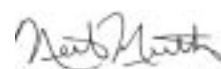
I have been Chief Executive Officer for the Columbia Basin Trust for almost a year now. I spent my early years in Trail and am very happy to be back living in this area with my family.

It is very clear to me that CBT is an organization for the people of the Columbia Basin. Our mandate is to deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to everyone calling the Basin home. To do this in an effective way, we have to encourage two-way communication—both coming in and going out. CBT needs to let people like you know what we are planning to do as an organization, and we must listen to what you have to say and how you think we should carry out our mandate.

We have a lot of good news to share at this point in the history of CBT. We continue to develop the next version of the Columbia Basin Management Plan. The Plan, which will be the strategic blueprint for CBT moving forward, helps us to prioritize our organization's activities. We are also working on refining our investment policy to ensure that CBT financial assets are invested in a manner that contributes to a healthy flow of benefits. Both of these documents will be presented in the coming months to residents for their comments.

We are also developing a number of new tools, such as a Basin-wide email distribution list to easily update residents on our activities, and various techniques to gather input and feedback from residents. These initiatives, as well as upcoming changes to our internal structure, are all aimed at improving our communications and dialogue with residents and supporting Basin communities in their efforts to grow and prosper.

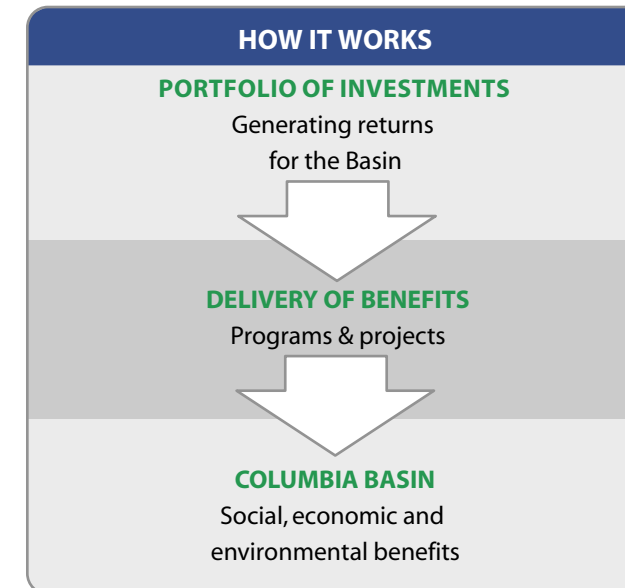
Our theme for this year's Annual Report and Report to Residents is *Growing Together*. This is an idea that sums up the CBT objective for the coming year. We, as a relatively young organization, are still growing. We are also growing together with our various partners and with residents of the Columbia Basin. Understanding this, and striving to continue with this objective in mind, will allow us all to contribute to the growth of our Basin.



Neil Muth, CEO  
Columbia Basin Trust



Ten years after the Columbia Basin Trust Act was passed in the Provincial legislature, the Columbia Basin Trust continues to encourage growth and self-sufficiency within the Basin. The region's boundaries are generally defined by those watersheds which flow into the Columbia River within Canada. Using endowments provided by the Province of BC, CBT makes investments and uses the returns from its investments to deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to the people of the region through funding and undertaking a mix of programs and initiatives.



**Our Mission**

CBT supports efforts by the people of the Columbia Basin to create a legacy of social, economic and environmental well-being and to achieve greater self-sufficiency for present and future generations.

**Our Mandate**

CBT manages its assets for the ongoing economic, environmental and social benefit of the region.

Annual Juvenile Sturgeon Release Event



**REGISTER AND YOU MAY WIN!**

If you would like to receive CBT news and updates by email, simply go to [www.cbt.org](http://www.cbt.org) and give us your email address. If you'd rather receive things by mail, call us at 1-800-505-8998.

You'll have a chance to win a great

**PRIZE**

**DELIVERY OF BENEFITS – PROMOTING GROWTH AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY BASIN-WIDE**

CBT provides social, economic and environmental benefits to Columbia Basin residents in different ways: by giving grants to individual projects, by working with other Basin organizations to develop and financially support programs, and by leading the way on issues affecting all residents, like water management.

In returning more than \$4 million in benefits to the Basin in 2005-06, CBT supported over 500 individual projects, from fish habitat restoration, to the purchase of community road rescue equipment.

**HAVE A QUESTION? NEED AN ANSWER? Get in touch with CBT!**

In order to ensure easy access to Columbia Basin Trust programs and staff, CBT has four regional offices throughout the Columbia Basin. If you have a question or need an answer, visit [www.cbt.org](http://www.cbt.org) or contact the office closest to you.

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**In the last year, CBT helped the Basin grow by:**

- Funding social, economic and environmental projects that demonstrate strong community support, build on a community's strengths and encourage growth through the Community Development Program.
- Partnering with each of the five Regional Districts in the Columbia Basin and the Ktunaxa Nation Council who use CBT funds to support projects that are identified as priorities within their communities through the Community Initiatives Program.
- Providing free, expert counselling to businesses through the Basin Business Advocates Program.
- Sponsoring tuition and course fees for short-term training that helps people get jobs through the Training Fee Support Program.
- Funding environmental projects in partnerships with Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program, Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership and Wildsight through the Environmental Initiatives Program.
- Protecting ecologically sensitive land and maintaining it for a range of community values through the Land Conservation Initiative.
- Ensuring long-term water quality and quantity issues in the Columbia Basin region are addressed according to residents' values and views.
- Helping Columbia Basin youth become engaged community members by supporting youth-driven and youth-selected projects.
- Creating a forum for Columbia Basin youth to connect



with one another and exchange information about issues through a magazine and website: [www.scratchonline.ca](http://www.scratchonline.ca)

- Helping address Basin literacy issues through the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy.
- Funding post-secondary education for high school students volunteering in their communities through the Youth Community Service Award.
- Supporting arts, culture and heritage projects throughout the Basin through the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance.
- Supporting the establishment of community foundations in the Basin by contributing towards their endowment.

(For a full list of CBT programs in your area, visit our website: [www.cbt.org](http://www.cbt.org))

**Project Highlight—Basin Business Advocates**

Since 2001, the Basin Business Advocates (BBA) Program has supported more than 500 business owners and helped their businesses grow. Focusing mostly on small to mid-sized businesses, the BBA provides a "leg-up" for owners eager to take their business to the next level.

To learn more, contact Steele O'Neil and Assoc. at 1-877-894-5939 or Deanne Monroe at (250) 825-4171 for West Kootenay and Jill Bain at (250) 427-5320 for East Kootenay and Valemount.

**Project Highlight—Land Conservation Initiative**

Through the Land Conservation Initiative, CBT supports efforts to purchase ecologically sensitive land in the Basin so that the land is protected and maintained for a range of community values and activities. Since 1998, CBT has invested nearly \$900,000 to acquire over 100,000 acres of ecologically significant parcels of land, like the Pine Butte Ranch, Luke Creek Wildlife Corridor and Kootenay River Ranch.

To learn more about this project, contact Sabrina Curtis at 1-800-505-8998 or [scurtis@cbt.org](mailto:scurtis@cbt.org)

| Project Name  | Organization                                      | Community          | Project Amount | Project Name  | Organization   | Community             | Project Amount |
|---|---|--------------------|----------------|---|--|-----------------------|----------------|
| Bursary Development   |   |                    |                | West Kootenay Social Purchasing Portal Project                              | Greater Trail Community Skills Centre                | Trail                 | \$2,000        |
| First Year Information Pilot Project                                | Karen Bailey-Romanko                              | Cranbrook          | \$4,244        | West Kootenay Seniors Advocacy Project                                      | Nelson and District Seniors' Coordinating Society    | West Kootenay         | \$6,602        |
| Columbia Basin Youth Grants Mount Baker Wild Theatre                | Mount Baker Secondary School                      | Cranbrook          | \$2,500        | Cranbrook's Story Celebrating Cranbrook's Centennial                        | Columbia Basin Institute of Regional History         | Cranbrook             | \$8,100        |
| Native Youth Writing Project  | Ktunaxa Kibasket Child & Family Services          | Cranbrook          | \$2,500        | Get That Grant - Grant Writing Positive Partnerships                        | College of the Rockies                               | Cranbrook             | \$5,000        |
| Youth Grants Administration   | Columbia Basin Trust                              | Basin Wide         | \$499          | Kimberley Family and Parenting Place  | Cranbrook & District Community Foundation            | Cranbrook             | \$3,880        |
| Youth Grants Program Delivery                                       | VisionLink Consulting                             | Nelson             | \$40,000       | Radium Hot Springs Bighorn Sheep Awareness Project                          | North Star Dream Team                                | Kimberley             | \$5,600        |
| Cards of Change   | Freedom Quest                                     | Castlegar          | \$2,500        | Community Foundations   |  |                       |                |
| Culture Jam 2005  | Kootenay Family Place                             | Castlegar          | \$2,000        | Creston - Kootenay Foundation   | Creston - Kootenay Foundation                        | Creston               | \$50,000       |
| Monday Night Group & Emergency Kits                                 | Castlegar Community Service                       | Castlegar          | \$2,500        | Nakusp and Area Community Foundation  | Nakusp and Area Community Foundation                 | Nakusp                | \$50,000       |
| Rural Youth Awareness for Drug & Alcohol Prevention                 | Freedom Quest                                     | Castlegar          | \$5,500        | Community Initiatives Ktunaxa Nation Council                                |  |                       |                |
| Through My Eyes Documentary   | West Kootenay Future Works Society                | Castlegar          | \$2,500        | Awards of Excellence  | Ktunaxa Nation Council                               | Cranbrook             | \$1,250        |
| Youth Centre Connections Conference                                 | Kootenay Family Place                             | Castlegar          | \$40,000       | Community Initiatives Program Administration                                | Ktunaxa Nation Council                               | Cranbrook             | \$1,550        |
| Inspiring Youth for Change  | Mount Sentinel Secondary School                   | South Slovan       | \$49,000       | Ktunaxa Interpretive Centre - Critically Endangered Language Project        | Ktunaxa Nation Council                               | Cranbrook             | \$10,000       |
| Open Mic Night  | Crescent Valley Youth Centre                      | Crescent Valley    | \$2,500        | St. Mary's Band Youth Dances  | St. Mary's Indian Band                               | Cranbrook             | \$2,000        |
| Creston Skate Jam   | Creston & District Community Complex              | Creston            | \$4,300        | Veterans Recognition  | Ktunaxa Nation Council                               | Cranbrook             | \$6,250        |
| Beaver Valley Youth Centre Visioning                                | Beaver Valley Youth Centre                        | Fruitvale          | \$2,460        | ?Akisquuk First Nation - Repairing the Circle - Craft and Mentoring Program | Akisquuk First Nation                                | Cranbrook             | \$2,000        |
| Kaslo Skate Park Construction                                       | Kaslo Area Youth Council                          | Kaslo              | \$30,000       | Community Initiatives Regional District of Central Kootenay                 |  |                       |                |
| Kaslo Youth Theatre   | IV Humphries Secondary School                     | Kaslo              | \$800          | Kootenay Lake Interface Fire Protection Group                               | Ainsworth Recreation Association                     | Ainsworth Hot Springs | \$2,500        |
| The Kootenay Explorers  | Larjeau Valley Community Club                     | Meadow Creek       | \$2,500        | Park Creation   | Arrow Creek Park and Fire Protection Association     | Arrow Creek           | \$4,000        |
| Arrow Lakes Youth Centre Strategic Planning Retreat                 | Arrow Lakes Youth Society                         | Nakusp             | \$2,500        | Blewett Playground  | Blewett School PAC                                   | Blewett               | \$5,000        |
| One Tonne Eaters Challenge  | Nelson District Community Resources Society       | Nelson             | \$2,465        | Insulation and Replacement of Ceiling and Lighting                          | Boswell Memorial Hall Society                        | Boswell               | \$450          |
| Strengthening Youth Capacity  | Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre             | Salmo              | \$45,599       | Mackie Park - Swim Float/Platform   | Boswell & District Farmers' Institute                | Boswell               | \$1,000        |
| Valhalla Summer Theatre Workshop                                    | Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts Society       | Silverton          | \$640          | Supplies Trailer Acquisition  | Boswell and District Emergency Volunteers            | Boswell               | \$1,000        |
| Project Help  | Mount Sentinel Secondary School                   | South Slovan       | \$12,000       | Redo Back Area for Preschool Parking  | Brilliant Cultural Centre                            | Brilliant             | \$3,000        |
| Youth & Music Concert Series  | Mt. Baker Secondary School                        | Cranbrook          | \$10,000       | Commercial Undercounter Dishwasher  | Burton Seniors                                       | Burton                | \$5,500        |
| The L.E.E. Cafe and Training Centre                                 | Lee Haskell Youth Centre                          | Kimberley          | \$20,594       | Oil Furnace Upgrade   | Burton Hall Board                                    | Burton                | \$3,000        |
| Sparwood Skatepark  | District of Sparwood                              | Sparwood           | \$20,000       | Canyon Park Fitness Track   | Canyon Community Association                         | Canyon                | \$4,500        |
| Wetland Keepers' Program  | District of Sparwood Recreation Department        | Sparwood           | \$1,607        | Baseball Equipment Upgrade  | Castlegar Baseball Association                       | Castlegar             | \$1,000        |
| Community Development Program                                       |   |                    |                | Castlegar Citizens on Patrol Transitional Funding Project                   | Castlegar Citizens on Patrol                         | Castlegar             | \$2,500        |
| Aboriginal Mentorship and Advocacy Program                          | Kootenay Region Metis Association                 | Basin Wide         | \$27,000       | Columbia River Millennium Walkway   | City of Castlegar                                    | Castlegar             | \$13,100       |
| Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network                      | Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network    | Basin Wide         | \$57,875       | Emergency Water Response  | Castlegar Society for Search & Rescue                | Castlegar             | \$2,500        |
| Castlegar & District Community Services Society Building Purchase   | Castlegar & District Community Services Society   | Castlegar          | \$20,000       | Rebels Hospitality Booth Re-roofing   | Castlegar Hockey Society                             | Castlegar             | \$1,000        |
| Community Vitality Demonstration Project                            | Castlegar & District Community Services Society   | Castlegar          | \$58,500       | Selkirk Challengers Gymnastic Club Equipment Upgrade                        | Royal Canadian Legion Castlegar/Robson               | Castlegar             | \$4,500        |
| Construction Completion of Whatsan Lake Bandshell                   | Doukhobor Heritage Retreat Society #1999          | Edgewood           | \$50,000       | Upgrade of Walkways Between Ice   | Selkirk Challengers Gymnastic Club                   | Castlegar             | \$4,000        |
| The Affinities Project  | Lady Gray Elementary School                       | Golden             | \$8,000        | West Kootenay Sexual Health Clinics   | Castlegar and District Curling Club                  | Castlegar             | \$2,500        |
| Generation to Generation Building Purchase                          | Generation to Generation Society                  | Trail              | \$30,000       | Springstastics Community Association  | Options for Sexual Health - West Kootenay Branch     | Castlegar             | \$2,000        |
| Regional District of Kootenay Boundary North-South Highway Corridor | Regional District of Kootenay Boundary            | Trail              | \$18,000       | General Information Package and Stakeholders Survey                         | Kootenay Lake Eastshore Eldercare Cooperation        | Crawford Bay          | \$500          |
| Trail Museum and Archives Project                                   | Trail Historical Society                          | Trail              | \$15,000       | Kootenay Lake Fall Fair   | Kootenay Lake Agriculture Fair                       | Crawford Bay          | \$1,000        |
| Valemount Information and Interpretation Centre                     | Village of Valemount                              | Valemount          | \$150,000      | Playground Fence, Crawford Bay Park   | Crawford Bay & District Hall & Parks Association     | Crawford Bay          | \$1,000        |
| Columbia River Greenways Alliance - Source of the Columbia          | Columbia River Greenways Alliance                 | Canal Flats        | \$28,456       | Wilderness Immersion for Self Esteem Camp Bursary                           | Guiding Hands Recreation Society                     | Crawford Bay          | \$825          |
| Fernie Family Housing Society                                       | Fernie Family Housing Society                     | Fernie             | \$175,000      | Cirkus Jelly  | Creston Valley Blossom Festival                      | Creston               | \$1,350        |
| Elk Valley Coal Discovery Society                                   | Elk Valley Coal Discovery Centre Society          | Sparwood           | \$200,000      | Creston Valley Garden Festival - Fifth Annual                               | Creston Valley Garden Festival                       | Creston               | \$1,500        |
| Community Development Small Grants Program                          |   |                    |                | Creston Valley Horse 4-H Club   | Creston Valley Horse 4-H Club                        | Creston               | \$1,600        |
| Geo Science Conference  | East Kootenay Chamber of Mines                    | Basin Wide         | \$2,500        | Developing Strong Community Organizations                                   | Kootenay Employment Services Society                 | Creston               | \$1,500        |
| Non Timber Forest Product Public Workshops                          | Kootenays Forest Innovation Society               | Basin Wide         | \$3,000        | Embroidery Heritage Project   | Creston Valley Embroidery Club                       | Creston               | \$500          |
| Shad Program  | Shad International                                | Basin Wide         | \$5,000        | End of Season Programming Assistant   | Creston & District Historical Society                | Creston               | \$1,000        |
| A Sprinkle of Hope Conference                                       | Selkirk College                                   | Castlegar          | \$2,000        | Equipment Purchase  | Creston Community Radio Society                      | Creston               | \$2,500        |
| Connecting Communities Forum  | Yahk-Kingsgate Recreation Society                 | Castlegar          | \$1,000        | Goat River Clean Up Home and Garden Show                                    | Goat River Youth Group                               | Creston               | \$1,500        |
| Organization-Wide, Long-Term, Strategic Planning                    | Castlegar & District Community Services Society   | Castlegar          | \$500          | Inclusive Community Youth Project   | Creston Valley Business Association                  | Creston               | \$1,000        |
| Water Issues Public Awareness of Arrow Lakes                        | Friends of the Arrow Lake Society                 | Castlegar          | \$500          | Kaminoho Kio Pond   | Kootenai Community Centre Society                    | Creston               | \$4,500        |
| Creston Area Economic Development Society                           | Creston Area Economic Development Society         | Creston            | \$10,000       | Lower Kootenay Indian Band Pow Wow  | Creston Kaminoho Friendship Society                  | Creston               | \$650          |
| Creston Community Radio Society                                     | Creston Community Radio Society                   | Creston            | \$9,500        | Oktoberfest   | McGregor, Amber                                      | Creston               | \$2,500        |
| Kids on the Block   | Kinsmen Club of Golden                            | Golden             | \$2,172        | Paint Exterior Woodwork   | Lower Kootenay Indian Band                           | Creston               | \$1,200        |
| Hummingbird Home Help-Phase 2 Management & Expansion of Operations  | North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society    | Kaslo              | \$8,500        | Promotional Brochure  | Creston Valley Heide Club                            | Creston               | \$1,500        |
| Emergency Funding for Ski Hill Operations                           | Nakusp Ski Club                                   | Nakusp, New Denver | \$7,000        | Rotary Spray Park Maintenance   | Creston Doukhobour Society                           | Creston               | \$2,500        |
| Lakeside Greenspace   | Nelson and District Housing Society               | Nelson             | \$5,000        | Therapeutic Activation Program Relocation                                   | Creston Valley Thundercats Junior B Hockey           | Creston               | \$1,000        |
| Radio Skills Training Project                                       | Kootenay Cooperative Radio                        | Nelson             | \$10,000       | Therapeutic Rlding Volunteer Program Development                            | Creston Rotary Club                                  | Creston               | \$1,000        |
| 27th Annual Okanagan Mainline Municipal Convention                  | City of Revelstoke                                | Revelstoke         | \$1,500        | Fire Hall - Meeting Hall  | Creston New Horizon Seniors Society                  | Creston               | \$500          |
| BC Interior Forestry Museum Program Development Plan                | BC Interior Forestry Museum Society               | Revelstoke         | \$10,000       | Community Emergency Power Equipment   | Creston & District Community Resource Center Society | Creston               | \$3,500        |
| Revelstoke Cultural Strategy  | City of Revelstoke                                | Revelstoke         | \$2,500        | High Speed Internet - 4 Base Stations                                       | Creston and District Society for Community Living    | Creston               | \$500          |
| Revelstoke Retail Strategy  | City of Revelstoke                                | Revelstoke         | \$10,000       | Park Tables and Septic System   | Deer Park Recreation Society                         | Deer Park             | \$35,000       |
| Kootenay Heritage Association Founding Convention                   | Rossland Historical Museum & Archives Association | Rossland           | \$1,400        |   | Edgewood Community Club                              | Edgewood              | \$7,962        |
| Salmo GIS Tourism Assets Mapping Project                            | Salmo & District Chamber of Commerce              | Salmo              | \$10,000       |   | Edgewood Community Club                              | Edgewood              | \$2,252        |
| Community Asset Mapping in the Slovan Valley                        | WE Graham Community Service Society               | Slocan             | \$5,000        |   | Edgewood Community Club                              | Edgewood              | \$3,508        |



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| Corporate Confluence Kootenay Writing Competition                     | Mareen Travers   | Trail   | \$1,750  | Bighorn in our Backyard  | Osprey Communications   | Radium Hot Springs, Windermere, Parson, Spillimacheen | \$8,000  |
| Rock Wall Project   | Columbia Writers Studio  | Trail   | \$500    | White Sturgeon Life History & Habitat Assessment                                     | Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission       | Revelstoke, Basin Wide                                | \$20,000 |
| Trail Cemetery Headstones   | Rockwall Project Enthusiasts                                   | Trail   | \$750    | Salmo River Streambank Revetment   | Salmo River Protection Committee                                | Salmo   | \$6,000  |
| Trail Museum Promotional Brochure                                     | West Kootenay Family Historians                                | Trail   | \$725    | Healthy Water, Healthy Communities   | Wildsight   | Windermere  | \$20,000 |
| Vision and Intervention Educational Workshop (VIEW)                   | Trail Historical Society                                       | Trail   | \$1,350  | Community Assessment of Slocan River - Phase 3                                       | Slocan River Streamkeepers                                      | Winlaw  | \$6,975  |
| Youth Employment & Development in Performing Arts Youth Film Showcase | Michael J. Travers   | Trail   | \$1,800  | Hawkins Creek Fish Habitat Restoration   | Hawkins Creek Stewardship Committee                             | Yahk, Kingsgate, Moyie                                | \$20,000 |
| Donor Art Wall Project  | Gold Fever Follies   | Trail   | \$1,200  | Hawkins Creek Fish Habitat Restoration   | Hawkins Creek Stewardship Committee                             | Yahk, Kingsgate, Moyie                                | \$20,000 |
| Historical Events Display   | Rossland Mountain Film Festival Society                        | Trail   | \$425    | Administration for Cottonwood Creek Riparian Planting                                | Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnerships                | Cottonwood Creek                                      | \$696    |
| Mount McKirdy Map Mural   | Donor Wall Art Program   | Valemount   | \$1,100  | Elizabeth Lake Habitat Restoration   | Terra Erosion Control Ltd.                                      | Cottonwood Creek                                      | \$4,970  |
| Valemount Theatre Workshop  | Valemount Historic Society                                     | Valemount   | \$1,500  | Restoring Joseph Creek at Kinsmen Park   | Rocky Mountain Naturalists                                      | Cranbrook   | \$7,867  |
| Windshift Line Reading Tour   | Friends of Valemount   | Valemount   | \$2,000  | Land Conservation Land Acquisition - Wycliffe Phase IV                               | Kootenay River Network-BC                                       | Cranbrook   | \$20,000 |
| Artrageous Gallery Improvements                                       | Wishbone Productions   | Valemount   | \$1,500  | Poverty Program Micro Lending Fund   | The Land Conservancy of BC                                      | Kimberley   | \$10,000 |
| Enduring Threads of Cranbrook Poetry on the Rocks - Fall Event        | Rita Moir  | Winlaw  | \$1,500  | State of the Basin Initiative Sustainable Communities - State of the Basin Reporting | Circle of Habondia Lending Society                              | Castlegar   | \$10,000 |
| Signposts of Spirituality   | Cranbrook & District Arts Council                              | Cranbrook   | \$175    | Training Fee Support Training Fee Support Program                                    | College of the Rockies  | Basin Wide  | \$3,000  |
| Picasso for Preschoolers  | Melba Hanson   | Cranbrook   | \$1,120  | Water Education Initiatives Columbia Basin Water Education Kit Number 7              | Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network                  | Basin Wide  | \$3,800  |
| Kootenay Art Fusion   | Poetry on the Rocks Committee                                  | Cranbrook   | \$175    | Columbia River Headwaters to the Coast Tour  | The Environmental Education Association of Oregon               | Basin Wide  | \$1,500  |
| Mountain Music  | Key Gallery Committee  | Cranbrook   | \$175    | Global TV Public Service Announcement  | United Nations Water For Life Decade                            | Basin Wide  | \$30,000 |
| Columbia Valley Visual Arts Education Program                         | Elkford Childhood Development Committee                        | Elkford   | \$2,300  | Major Hydro Power Dams Brochure  | Rocky Mountain Printers   | Basin Wide  | \$2,241  |
| High Country Bluegrass Festival                                       | Troy Cook  | Fernie  | \$3,000  | Water Initiatives Promotion Water Quality Brochure Water Website                     | Columbia Basin Trust  | Basin Wide  | \$9,161  |
| David Thompson Bi-Centennial Quilt Project                            | Fernie Mountain Market   | Fernie  | \$2,000  | Water Education Research and Development Assessment of Fish and Wildlife Impacts     | Columbia Basin Trust  | Basin Wide  | \$3,779  |
| Paddlewheelers of the Kootenays                                       | The Wannabe's Columbia Valley Artists                          | Invermere   | \$1,000  | Columbia Basin Climate Change Analysis   | BC Hydro/Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program    | Basin Wide  | \$15,000 |
| Village Arts Website  | High Country Bluegrass Festival                                | Invermere   | \$1,000  | Columbia Basin International Center of Knowledge Analysis                            | Canadian Institute for Climate Studies - University of Victoria | Basin Wide  | \$5,000  |
| Art From the Heart  | The Valley Piecemakers Quilt Guild                             | Invermere   | \$1,300  | Water Quantity Project   | Karin Emond   | Basin Wide  | \$8,000  |
| Arts on the Edge  | Bill Ark   | Invermere   | \$2,000  | Water Management Library   | Dan Casselman   | Basin Wide  | \$8,580  |
| Kimberley International Music and Dance Festival                      | Kurt Reichel   | Invermere   | \$1,000  | Water Initiatives Advisory Panel Water Initiatives Advisory Panel                    | Columbia Basin Trust  | Golden, Basin Wide                                    | \$340    |
| Poetry on the Rocks Fall Event  | Village Arts Cooperative                                       | Invermere   | \$2,000  | Water Network Development Canadian Columbia River Forum                              | Columbia Basin Trust  | Basin Wide  | \$31,545 |
| Expanding Vistas - Artist Stipend                                     | Denia Bell   | Kimberley   | \$1,000  | Climate Change Conference  | Columbia Basin Trust  | Basin Wide  | \$2,233  |
| Wall Mural  | Kimberley Arts Festival Committee                              | Kimberley   | \$1,735  | Columbia Basin Watershed Network Development   | Canadian Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Commission       | Basin Wide  | \$8,400  |
| Training the Eye to See Wynndel Community After School Arts Program   | Kimberley International Music and Dance Festival               | Kimberley   | \$2,000  | Columbia Basin Watershed Network Symposium   | Columbia Basin Trust  | Basin Wide  | \$10,000 |
| Murals for Ymir   | Poetry on the Rocks Committee (Kimberley)                      | Kimberley   | \$630    | Watershed Website Watershed Network Internet Mapping and Hosting                     | Bluebeetle Creative   | Basin Wide  | \$5,000  |
| Economic Development Basin Business Advocates Program                 | Sparwood Recreation Department                                 | Sparwood  | \$2,900  | Youth Committee Costs Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Costs                         | Selkirk College   | Castlegar   | \$8,600  |
| Environmental Initiatives Kootenay Community Bat Project              | Sparwood Primary Health Care Centre                            | Sparwood  | \$1,200  | Youth Community Service Award (Scholarship)  | Columbia Basin Trust  | Basin Wide  | \$26,454 |
| Administration  | Chris March  | Wardner   | \$700    | Alison Keraiff   | Alison Keraiff  | Crawford Bay  | \$2,000  |
| Extension of Mountain Caribou Research into the Classroom             | Wynndel Community Centre                                       | Wynndel   | \$1,500  | Neva Basingthwaite   | Neva Basingthwaite  | Creston   | \$2,000  |
| Kokanee Salmon Stewardship Program                                    | Cindy Lee McGhie   | Ymir  | \$500    | Tyler Bjarnason  | Tyler Bjarnason   | Elkford   | \$2,000  |
| Magic Basin Field Trip  | Steele O'Neil & Associates Inc.                                | Basin Wide  |          | Alisha Glover  | Alisha Glover   | Fernie  | \$2,000  |
| Upper Columbia White Sturgeon Outreach                                | Silverwing Ecological Consulting                               | Argenta, Balgour, Castlegar, Creston, Fruitvale, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson                          | \$19,465 | Stephanie Hrisook  | Stephanie Hrisook   | Fort Steele   | \$2,000  |
| Invasive Plant Awareness in Central Kootenay                          | Columbia Kootenay Fisheries Renewal Partnership                | Basin Wide  | \$26,701 | Patrick Webb   | Patrick Webb  | Golden  | \$2,000  |
| Yellow Fish Road Program  | Friends of West Kootenay Parks                                 | Basin Wide  | \$3,000  | Julia Axenroth   | Julia Axenroth  | Kaslo   | \$2,000  |
| Northern Leopard Frog Reintroduction                                  | Wildsight  | Basin Wide  | \$50,000 | Dustin Crowe   | Dustin Crowe  | Kimberley   | \$2,000  |
| Ethnobotanical Walks  | Upper Columbia White Sturgeon Recovery Initiative              | Basin Wide  | \$5,420  | Ashley Fahlman   | Ashley Fahlman  | Nakusp  | \$2,000  |
| Grasslands Restoration in Action                                      | Invasive Plant Committee                                       | Castlegar   | \$5,000  | Meg O'Neill  | Meg O'Neill   | Nelson  | \$2,000  |
| East Kootenay Conservation Project Team                               | Gordon Terrace Elementary                                      | Cranbrook, Cranbrook, Creston, Fort Steele, Wasa, Wynndel                                       | \$10,000 | Rose Anne Sopow  | Rose Anne Sopow   | New Denver  | \$2,000  |
| Community Bear Program Workshop                                       | Adama Consulting   | Cranbrook, Creston, Fort Steele, Wasa, Wynndel  | \$10,000 | Amanda Carachelo   | Amanda Carachelo  | Revelstoke  | \$2,000  |
| Goat River Fish Habitat Restoration                                   | Mount Baker Secondary School                                   | Cranbrook, Elkford, Fernie, Grasmere, Jaffray, Sparwood   | \$8,300  | Jessica Smith  | Jessica Smith   | Robson  | \$2,000  |
| Yaqaan Nuki Wetlands Rehabilitation                                   | Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society                | Cranbrook, Elkford, Fernie, Grasmere, Jaffray, Sparwood   | \$15,000 | Heidi Hopkins  | Heidi Hopkins   | Rossland  | \$2,000  |
| Wild Voices for Kids  | Friends of West Kootenay Parks                                 | Basin Wide  | \$3,000  | Brianne Coffey   | Brianne Coffey  | Salmo   | \$2,000  |
| Community Based Outdoor Water Efficiency Campaign                     | Wildsight  | Basin Wide  | \$50,000 | Cassidy Sherrington-Leach  | Cassidy Sherrington-Leach                                       | Slocan  | \$2,000  |
| Riparian Restoration North End of Munn Lake                           | The Nature Trust of BC   | Cranbrook, Invermere  | \$10,000 | Stephanie Benko  | Stephanie Benko   | Sparwood  | \$2,000  |
| Kaslo "Back to Earth" Composting                                      | Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology                | Cranbrook, Revelstoke   | \$10,000 | Alison Brown   | Alison Brown  | Trail   | \$2,000  |
| Mark Creek Recovery Program   | Goat River Fish Habitat Association                            | Creston   | \$19,430 | Stacie Coder   | Stacie Coder  | Valemount   | \$2,000  |
| Administration  | Yaqaan Nuki Wetlands Friendship Society                        | Creston   | \$10,000 | Youth Media Scratch Magazine Issues 7-9 & Website Costs                              | Columbia Basin Trust  | Basin Wide  | \$8,689  |
|   | Wings Over the Rockies Birds Festival and Wild Voices for Kids | Fairmont, Hot Springs, Field, Golden, Invermere, Kimberley, Maysville, Radium Hot Springs, Wasa | \$9,000  | Youth Media Evaluation Project   | Withinsight Services  | Nelson  | \$15,000 |
|   | TLC - The Land Conservancy of BC                               | Invermere   | \$10,000 | Youth Media Magazine Scratch Issues 7-9 Contract                                     | Imprint Creative Solutions                                      | Nelson  | \$35,000 |
|   | Munn Lake Restoration Project                                  | Invermere   | \$10,500 |  |   |   |          |
|   | Kaslo "Back to Earth" Composting                               | Kaslo   | \$8,500  |  |   |   |          |
|   | Wildsight  | Kimberley, Wasa   | \$20,000 |  |   |   |          |
|   | BC Hydro/Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program   | Nelson  | \$10,613 |  |   |   |          |

Project Highlight—Water Initiatives

The CBT Water Initiatives Program includes a range of projects, all aimed at increasing the influence of residents on Columbia Basin water management. CBT sponsored a climate change forum in September 2005 at Selkirk College, and also sponsored a comprehensive climate change report that will provide the latest data and research on projected impacts from climate change. CBT is encouraging the collaboration of federal, provincial and municipal governments, and United States organizations on water management matters and is building a partnership network that will work together to address water issues in the Basin.

To learn more, go to <http://water.cbt.org> or contact Kindy Gosal at 1-800-505-8998 or [kgosal@cbt.org](mailto:kgosal@cbt.org)

Project Highlight—Youth Centre Connection Conference

In April 2006, CBT sponsored an exciting opportunity for youth centres in the Columbia Basin. The Youth Centre Connection Conference in Rossland, attended by more than 60 youth service providers, gave Basin youth centres the chance to share experiences and generate new ideas about how to best serve the youth of the region. As a result, these groups have committed to working together in developing their own collective voice in the Columbia Basin.

To learn more about this and other youth programs, visit [www.scratchonline.ca](http://www.scratchonline.ca) or contact Wayne Lundeburg at 1-800-505-8998 or [wlundeburg@cbt.org](mailto:wlundeburg@cbt.org)

# SCRATCH the surface



Calling all Columbia Basin youth! Here's a great way to express your ideas and unleash your creativity. Columbia Basin Trust provides a forum for Basin residents aged 15 to 29 to connect with each other and have their ideas, opinions, and artwork available for all to see through SCRATCH magazine. Dealing with issues such as music, the environment, politics, and relationships, SCRATCH is created by youth, for youth. If you have something to say through words or visual art, spread your ideas and artistic flare across the Basin via SCRATCH. To get involved with the next issue of SCRATCH, check out [www.scratchonline.ca](http://www.scratchonline.ca), call 1-800-505-8998, or email [info@scratchonline.ca](mailto:info@scratchonline.ca)

**GROWING RETURNS FOR THE BASIN**

CBT investments generate the returns that fund social, economic and environmental projects and programs each year. CBT manages its overall investment portfolio, but carries out some of its investments in partnership with other organizations. Aside from generating financial returns for the organization, the investments also contribute to the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Columbia Basin in various ways, such as: by generating clean, green power, by providing quality care for seniors and by creating jobs for the residents of the region.

**Investments  
(as of March 31, 2006)**

|                              | Amount               | % of Investments |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Power Projects</b>        |                      |                  |
| Capital Assets               | \$361,517,000        | 77%              |
| Deposit Balance              | \$37,558,000         | 8%               |
| <b>Non-power Investments</b> |                      |                  |
| Real Estate                  | \$23,608,000         | 5%               |
| Income Securities            | \$25,672,000         | 5%               |
| Business Loans               | \$12,068,000         | 3%               |
| Deposit Balance              | \$7,155,000          | 2%               |
|                              | <u>\$467,578,000</u> | <u>100%</u>      |

**Power Projects**

**Arrow Lakes Generating Station | Brilliant Dam | Brilliant Expansion Project | Waneta Expansion Project**

CBT is a fifty-fifty partner with Columbia Power Corporation (CPC) on four major hydroelectric power projects in the Basin. CPC manages the projects on behalf of both partners and each receives half of the net income created through the sale of electricity from the projects that are up and running. CBT's share of income from power sales, which amounted to over \$2.5 million in 2005-06, helps CBT fund projects and programs in the region.

Overall, for the last year, the power projects generated a return on equity of 0.1 per cent. This low return is a result of repair costs at Arrow Lakes Generating Station and the substantial investment in the Brilliant Expansion Project, from which a return will not be achieved until commercial operation begins in spring 2007. CBT is optimistic that the performance of its power projects investments with CPC, including Arrow Lakes Generating Station, will improve over the coming year.



Brilliant Dam and Brilliant Expansion Project

**Non-Power Investments**

**Real Estate | Business Loans | Income Securities**

CBT's investment performance has improved significantly over the past two years. Certain segments of our non-power portfolio have performed extraordinarily well, examples being our investment in congregate care facilities and the Kicking Horse Mountain Resort in Golden. These projects are not only investments in real estate, they also support seniors and create jobs in the Basin.

Despite these successes, our total return on investment of 2.9 per cent was below our 6 per cent target. The lower return was primarily a result of two factors - the first being provisions for potential losses related to some of our business loans. The second factor was that a large portion of our investment portfolio was held in income securities. Although these are relatively secure investments, our overall rate of return was impacted by near historically low domestic interest rates. As part of the investment policy work underway, CBT is looking at the proportion of our investments held in income securities. With the introduction of a new investment policy in the coming months we are optimistic that the performance of our non-power portfolio will continue to improve.



| CBT FINANCIAL RESULTS<br>(as of March 31, 2006) |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>REVENUES</b>                                 |                     |
| <b>Net investment income</b>                    |                     |
| Power projects                                  | \$ 2,539,000        |
| Business loans                                  | 744,000             |
| Income securities                               | 563,000             |
| Real estate                                     | 97,000              |
|   | <u>3,943,000</u>    |
| <b>Contribution</b>                             |                     |
| Province of BC                                  | 12,110,000          |
|   | <u>16,053,000</u>   |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>                       | <u>3,424,000</u>    |
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>                         | 12,629,000          |
| <b>DELIVERY OF BENEFITS</b>                     | <u>4,156,000</u>    |
| <b>SURPLUS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>        | <u>\$ 8,473,000</u> |

| CBT FINANCIAL RESULTS<br>(as of March 31, 2006) |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                   |                       |
| Current   | \$ 48,031,000         |
| Investments                                     | 428,020,000           |
| Other   | 24,082,000            |
|   | <u>\$ 500,133,000</u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                              |                       |
| Current   | \$ 22,675,000         |
| Long-term debt                                  | 133,729,000           |
|   | <u>343,729,000</u>    |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                               | <u>\$ 500,133,000</u> |

The CBT Board of Directors is a diverse group made up of 12 Columbia Basin residents.



CBT Board of Directors: Left to right, *top row* : Garry Merkel, Greg Deck, Josh Smienk, Mike Berg. *Middle row* : Evelyn Cutts, Dieter Bogs, Ron Oszust, Jeannette Townsend. *Bottom row* : Jim Miller, Denise Birdstone, Ron Miles. (Mike Rouse missing)

**For more details on CBT investments, the 2005-06 Annual Report is available to you online at [www.cbt.org](http://www.cbt.org),**

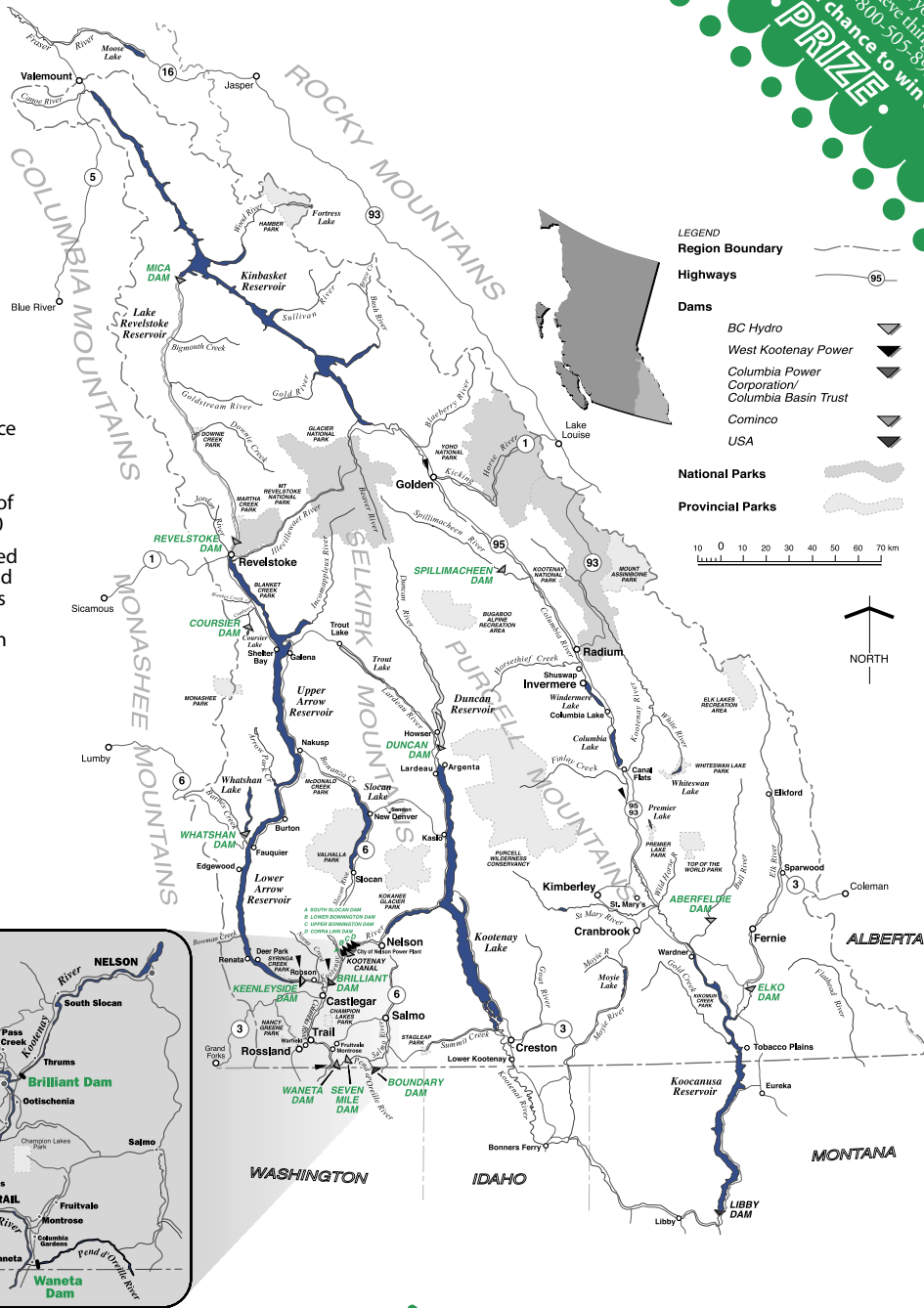
**Or, just call us at 1-800-505-8998 and we will send you one by mail.**

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**You'll have a chance to win a great PRIZE.**

## The Columbia Basin Region

- Encompasses 88,000 square kilometres (twice the size of Vancouver Island)
- Sustains a population of approximately 170,000
- Continues to be affected by social, economic, and environmental impacts from the construction and ongoing operation of Treaty dams
- Provides 50 per cent of total hydroelectric power produced in BC

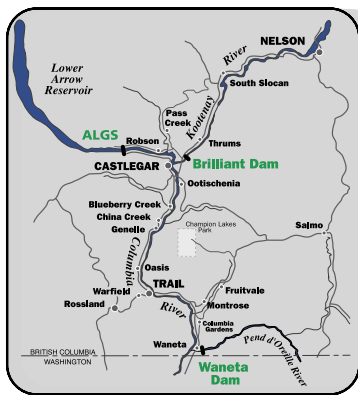


**LEGEND**

- Region Boundary
- Highways
- Dams
  - BC Hydro
  - West Kootenay Power
  - Columbia Power Corporation/ Columbia Basin Trust
  - Cominco
  - USA
- National Parks
- Provincial Parks

Scale: 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 km

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