



Ministry of
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Columbia River Treaty Community Interests Update

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Community interests work underway:

Acknowledge what was lost – CRT Heritage Project

Agriculture support/enhancement

Creston Valley dikes management

Duncan Dam fish passage

Ecosystem enhancement: data acquisition

Grants in lieu of taxes (GILTs)

Kinbasket recreational opportunities

Nakusp marina & breakwater repair



Acknowledge What Was Lost – CRT Heritage Project



Community requests - acknowledge what was lost in the Basin due to Treaty implementation



CBRAC brainstorming exercise in April 2019



CRT Heritage Project: touring route linking a series of interpretive elements telling Indigenous and non-Indigenous place-based stories of Columbia River Treaty impacts.



Acknowledge What Was Lost – CRT Heritage Project

Steering Committee (SC) formed

SC commissioned detailed project plan

Project plan sent to Indigenous leadership and regional districts – call to action

Project plan shared with Heritage BC and CBT

SC seeks lead Basin organization and funding



Agriculture Support/Enhancement

- The Province is working on addressing concerns raised at the 2018 and 2019 community meetings about the need for increased support of the Basin agriculture sector.
- A number of federal, provincial and regional programs are being examined.
- More details will be shared in the future.



Creston Valley Dike Management

- October 24, 2019 workshop in Creston
- Follow-up meetings with RDCK, CVWMA, Yaqaan Nukiy and some diking authorities
- Canceled April 2020 follow up workshop
- Gather information on funding; eligible applicants; coalition models
- Strategic planning session in early June



Duncan Dam Fish Passage

- 1968: dam operator alters water release for bull trout passage up-stream May-Sept
- Weir assisting migration damaged in 2011
- BC Hydro Technical Working Group gives feedback on weir replacement options; waiting for financial/feasibility info
- Bull trout passage up-stream resumes in 2020 after 2-year hiatus



Duncan Dam Impacts

- Debrief RDCK on information gathered on mosquitos and impact of Duncan Dam operations and conservation land acquisition

Ecosystem Enhancement: Arrow and Kinbasket Data

- Early 2020 Province contracted for orthophoto & digital elevation model (DEM) products derived from BC Hydro aerial imagery of Arrow and Kinbasket Reservoirs
- May/June - products delivered to BC Hydro, Indigenous Nations CRT working group, Selkirk College's Open Data project's CRT Portal



Grants in Lieu of Taxes (GILTs)

- Contacted Director of Property Tax at Ministry of Finance & Director of Local Government Finance at Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- LGC to submit questions for staff response. If still outstanding concerns, arrange early fall call

Kinbasket Recreational Opportunities

- Regional economic development approach – Golden, Revelstoke, Valemount
- Potential update of 2009 Kinbasket commercial recreation opportunity study



Nakusp Marina & Breakwater Repair

- In 2011, BC Hydro provided \$100,000 grant for repair of breakwater and marina. Not used.
- March 2020, MEMPR provided \$30,000 for engineering and other work.
- Engineering work completed. Replacement of 300 ft of breakwater begins on July 13 using off-the-shelf product



Questions?

