

May 29, 2024

Doug McPhee
Board Chair, School District #5
940 Industrial Road #1
Cranbrook, BC V1C 4C6

VIA EMAIL

Dear Mr. McPhee,

On behalf of Columbia Basin Trust (Trust), I would like to thank School District 5 for our historic partnership in delivery of environmental education initiatives to students in the Southeast Kootenay region. Although Trust programs evolve over time, historic partnerships help inform the creation and launch of new initiatives for the benefit of Basin residents. Thank you once again for your collaboration.

As acknowledged in your letter of May 23, 2024, the Trust has launched a renewed *Columbia Basin Management Plan* establishing a roadmap for our areas of focus in the coming years. While we expect to further engage with Basin residents on certain areas of development work consistent with this plan, there is no initiative for dedicated consultation with School Districts in the Basin region at this time. Should this change in future, we would be sure to include School District 5 in any such discussions.

Mr. McPhee – thank you once again for your outreach. Should there be any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me direct.

Sincerely,



Johnny Strilaeff
President and Chief Executive Officer
Columbia Basin Trust

cc: Jocelyn Carver, Board Chair, Columbia Basin Trust

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SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

May 23, 2024

Columbia Basin Trust
Suite 200, 445 13 Avenue
Castlegar, BC V1N 1G1

ATTENTION: JOCELYN CARVER (Chair)
JOHNNY STRILAEFF (President)

Dear Ms. Carver and Mr. Strilaeff:

We are writing to follow up on our letter dated February 28, 2024. As you know, District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay) is a proud supporter of the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT). Over the years, our students, staff, and schools have greatly benefited from the educational programs that CBT has generously supported.

As active stakeholders, we would like to invite you to collaborate with the District on enhancing environmental stewardship for our students. We propose forming a working group that will delve into creating an action plan. This plan will seek opportunities to enhance and achieve success in environmental education, aligning with CBT's commitments to Relationships, Communities, and the Natural Environment.

Given the District's role as one of the largest stakeholders in our communities, we are eager to work together to foster mutual goals and objectives. We aim to explore joint ventures that support ongoing environmental education and stewardship programming within the District.

We look forward to your positive response to our request. We firmly believe that without proper stewardship of our environment, there can be no sustainable social or economic future for our children.

If you have any questions or to set up a collaborative session, please email Superintendent Viveka Johnson Viveka.johnson@sd5.bc.ca.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Doug McPhee
Chairperson

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