Columbia River Treaty Local Governments’ Committee

September 2014
CBRAC Inaugural Meeting

With support from Columbia Basin Trust
Our Role

1. Ensure Basin residents and local elected officials:
   • increase their knowledge on the Columbia River Treaty (CRT)
   • have opportunities to be actively engaged on CRT issues

2. Build understanding of regional views and values among Provincial and Federal agencies

3. Advocate for specific regional interests

4. Work collaboratively with local MLAs and MPs

See our full Terms of Reference on the AKBLG website
Committee Members

AKBLG   Deb Kozak, Nelson Councilor - CHAIR
RDEK    Wayne Stetski, Mayor of Cranbrook
        Mike Sosnowski, Area A Director
RDCK    Karen Hamling, Mayor of Nakusp – VICE CHAIR
        Hans Cunningham, Area G Director
RDKB    Linda Worley, Area B Director
        Marguerite Rotvold, Midway Councilor
CSRD    Ron Oszust, Golden Councilor
        Loni Parker, Area B Director
Valemount Andru McCracken, Mayor of Valemount

* CBRAC members
Listening, Learning & Seeking Advice

- 3 rounds of community meetings and a technical conference in Castlegar with the Provincial CRT Review Team
- 4 workshops with technical and political advisors and a meeting with Ktunaxa Nation
- 2 US conferences
- 9 meetings with US local government reps

1005 Basin residents & advisors at 29 events & 34 meetings
Recommendations to Government

- October 2013 - Draft recommendations available for public input
- December 2013 - Input incorporated in recommendations sent to government
- Summary of Feedback on Committee webpage
Recommendations to Government

A. International Treaty – Issues that can be solved by changes to the Treaty

B. Domestic – Issues we can solve in BC
We invite the Province, BC Hydro, CBT and others to work together with us to address these issues:

1. Mitigate and/or compensate for negative impacts in the BC Basin
2. Community economic development
3. Meaningful ongoing engagement of Basin residents in hydro operations decisions

Nakusp waterfront during spring on Arrow Lakes Reservoir
B. Domestic Issues (continued)

4. East Kootenay-Koocanusa fish and wildlife restoration and conservation program funding

5. Water management process for the Kootenay River

6. Full implementation of the Columbia and Duncan Water Use Plans

7. Columbia Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program

Duncan Dam

Kootenay Lake
2014/15 LGC Workplan

- Continue Committee under AKBLG with support from CBT; in Feb. 2015 brief new members
- Monitor B.C., Canadian and U.S. Treaty activities to engage when appropriate
- Continue communicating with Basin residents, First Nations and US local governments
- Continue Basin education via CBT
September 16, 2014
50th Anniversary of the Treaty

- Encourage Basin residents and communities to recognize this important anniversary
Resources

Key Interests of Canadian Columbia Basin Residents

Summary of Dam and Reservoir Issues

Committee webpage:
www.akblg.ca/content/columbia-river-treaty\
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Questions?
Columbia River ReConnect Mural

Trail Memorial Centre - Trail, B.C.