



# President's Report

It is with a reflective and forward-looking spirit that I present this year's President's Report for the Creston & District Historical & Museum Society. This year has been a period of significant transition and revitalization for our organization, marked by events and decisions that have poised us for a bright future.

The year's pivotal moment came at our Special General Meeting on September 11, 2023. This meeting was a crucial turning point for us, as it saw the removal of four board members in response to the dismissal of our longtime Museum Manager, Tammy Bradford. The decision to remove directors was not a decision taken lightly but was deemed necessary for the future health and direction of our society. In the wake of this change, a new interim board was formed, comprising myself, Jason Meidl, as President, Jim Ryckman as Vice President, Brenda Draper as Secretary, Todd Kelner as Treasurer, with Ian Currie and Bunny Raddis serving as Directors. This new team brought fresh energy and dedication to the task at hand, primarily focusing on due diligence and the eventual rehiring of Tammy Bradford in November 2023. Tammy's return marked a significant step in our commitment to stability and growth for our museum.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all previous board members for their service and dedication to the museum. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and your contributions have laid the groundwork for our continued success.

A highlight of our year has been addressing the relocation of the Maury Murphy Collection. Special thanks are due to Bernie Meekes, whose patience and generosity in storing the equipment have been invaluable. This effort is emblematic of the collaborative spirit that defines our community.

As my term as President comes to an end, I reflect on our journey with pride and optimism. Moving forward, I strongly recommend that every new board member undergo board governance training. This will ensure that our board functions with the highest standards of transparency, accountability, and effectiveness. Additionally, I advocate for yearly strategic planning as part of the board's commitment to the Creston community. These practices will be instrumental in guiding our museum towards a future that honors our past while embracing growth and change.

I am incredibly proud of our community and the unwavering support it has shown through times of change. As I pass on the baton, I look forward to seeing the museum flourish under new leadership, confident in the knowledge that we have laid a strong foundation for success.

In closing, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve as President of the Creston & District Historical & Museum Society. Together, we have navigated challenges and celebrated achievements. Here's to a future where our museum continues to be a beacon of heritage, education, and community pride.

Sincerely,

Jason Meidl  
President  
Creston & District Historical & Museum Society