

## President's Report

Welcome to the Annual meeting of the Creston and District Historical and Museum Society 2023 Annual Meeting. You will have heard, and will learn more about the activities of Museum over the past year through the reports presented today.

First, I wish to thank all the volunteers who contributed to the effective running of the museum, and to our manager, Tammy Bradford. Without you, the meeting would be very short!

We are still climbing out of COVID, and are still seeing climbing visitations.

Our financial situation is solid, though we have to address increases in Minimum Wage this year. The roof on the Archives building was replaced, as were the shelves inside. Thanks to those who moved everything out, then back again within a week!

We were fortunate to receive a substantial donation of local history in the Murphy Lathe. This belt driven metal lathe originally sourced from the Invermere area was used to manufacture parts for water systems in the Creston Valley.

A first for the museum was the completion of a series of projects by a telecommuting employee. Though travelling from Trail on an occasional basis, Phoebe was able to complete the tasks assigned in timely fashion with similar supervisory oversight of an in-house employee. This has opened the opportunity to consider this option for future projects.

We are happy to see the return of Alison to regular duties. She is engaged in a hybrid 3:2 work week, allowing her to manage child care, while completing the projects in which she is engaged.

We continue to build relationships with community through such initiatives as  
40 years, 40 voices

Increasing school visits. These began through COVID, and have continued to increase since.

Continuing visits to seniors facilities

Our Reconciliation Project – Elders of Yaqaan Nukiy and Grade 7 scholars have created five presentations for the Museum. This project has attracted the attention of Global News, so our reach has expanded!

Our value to the Canyon and the Lister Community Associations was shown as we were able to help them prove their long standing land ownership as they navigated the provincial government's Land Ownership Transparency Regulations.

We continue to have smooth relations between Board and staff, and look forward to our next big projects.

Sincerely,

David Butt  
President