

Manager's Report 13 February 2024

Creston Centennial:

- Working with Luanne on the speaker series; largely helping promote upcoming presentations but may be filling in gaps in the schedule as needed
- Ice sports legacy exhibit attracting lots of public input and providing volunteer opportunities; preliminary exhibit layout will be presented at Rec Centre 17-20 March with permanent exhibit to be installed later this summer. Some collections items have come in already, with more anticipated; I am working with Nelson Museum, RDCK, and the exhibit organizers to create an agreement regarding ownership of these objects similar to that which Nelson Museum has regarding exhibits at the Nelson recreation centre. All exhibit funding is being raised by the exhibit organizers with the only costs to us being access to the collections and a few hours of my time.
- Liaising between Chris Luke and the ToC committee regarding a video Chris is working on
- Meetings this week:
 - ToC and Creston Valley Youth Network re scavenger hunt locations and content;
 - ToC Communications Team re social media campaign leading up to events
 - Denise Dumas re 100 years of music in Creston
- Connecting with Bill Constable in next couple of weeks re his early years in Creston (born 19 May 1924)
- Likely to be giving a presentation of some kind in conjunction with the ceremonies/drone show/other activities being planned for the actual anniversary (14 May 2024)

Other Community Activities:

- Working with Yaqan Nukiy People's Heritage Society on interpretive panels for a proposed walking trail on LKB lands along the Kootenay River (proposal attached)
- We've received a request from South Kootenay Lake ArtConnect in Boswell to sponsor them for applications to Creston Valley Community Foundation (request attached).
 - Charities Act was amended in 2022 to make it easier for charities to work with non-charities, in two ways:
 - Working with non-charities as intermediaries, which requires the intermediary to carry out the charity's own activities which the charity retains full control of; or
 - Making grants to the non-charity so the grantee can carry out its own activities provided they further the charity's own charitable purposes, which requires the charity to take on all the due diligence of a grant-making organization.
 - CVCF is a grant-making organization so is already much more prepared to give grants to grantees, but may have specific clauses in its governing documents that prevent it from doing so – may be worth having a conversation with them?
 - Application deadline for this year's CVCF funding is 28 February

Grants and Funding:

- BC Arts Council operating grant approved and received
- Summer student funding awaiting decisions, anticipated early-mid April. I will be posting jobs on our website and in the community this month
- RDCK ReDi grant application going in this week (deadline 21 February)
- Will submit a request to Creston Valley Community Foundation for part of the costs of a new collections management software migration (deadline 28 February)

Staff Activities:

- Alyson began work 16 January, on a Monday-Wednesday schedule. She has resumed the On This Day posts on Facebook and is taking care of most public research requests; we've been working together on planning the collections-management parts of her role.
- Jarrett is working variable and reduced hours while his mother undergoes cancer treatment. The screen door at the rear of the model railway room needs replacing; Jarrett has obtained a quote from Pyramid for \$330.40 including taxes. *Proceed?*
- Anticipated start date for summer students is 14 May; this may shift depending on funding and the demands of the centennial events
- I've posted several volunteer jobs on our website, including a clean-up day on 27 April

My Schedule:

- Out of the office this Friday and Saturday, 16-17 February due to my skating competition (it's in town, so I'll still be available between skates if you need me!)
- While scheduling seasonal events, I blocked out some holidays to make sure I actually get to take them:
 - 10-16 March
 - 21 July – 3 August
 - 29 September – 5 October