

Manager's Report

11 June 2024

Update From Last Meeting:

The Murphy Equipment is now on-site, labelled, and covered with tarps for the time being. I have not yet received an invoice from Jeremy Piva for transporting it. Jason negotiated a storage fee of \$2,625 with Bernie Meekes. Thanks to Ron for his help unloading it.

I've set up @crestonmuseum.ca emails for everyone, and you should all have received an invitation for the online governance training through BC Museums Association.

Operations Highlights:

The past month has been ridiculously busy with school programs, Centennial events, and the usual spring programs and uptick in visitation – but it has also been an excellent opportunity to build our presence in and connection with the community.

Teachers and students have been very appreciative of our school programming, and we've been getting a lot of very positive feedback for our involvement in the recent Centennial events – one person even told me that she saw “the Museum's signature all over the events.”

We're continuing to cement relations with Yaqan Nukiy by facilitating Chris Luke's video production for the Centennial, supporting and coordinating his visit to a local classroom, and working with the Yaqan Nukiy Peoples Heritage Society on interpretive panels for a new public walking trail they are developing.

Key Topic for Discussion:

Cost estimates for Forest Fire Response Plan are attached.

RBC Foundation is currently accepting applications from community institutions for infrastructure projects - \$25,000 and up. Deadline is June 14, which is incredibly soon, but could be a good opportunity to improve our wheelchair accessibility and visitor wayfinding. **Yes, no?**

Important Dates:

- Kids Day: 22 June
- Bird Wars Presentation: 6 July
- History About Town: 15-20 July
- Tammy's Summer Holidays: 21 July – 3 August
- Pioneer Camp: 6-10 August
- CKCA Culture Tour: 10-11 August
- Jr. Curators' Camp: 20-24 August
- Students' Last Day: 31 August
- BCMA Conference 23-27 September
- Tammy's Fall Holidays: 28 Sep – 5 Oct

Collections:

Jim, Skip, and Vince have the work on the new train cab well in hand.

Programming:

In past month: 13 public, 12 school programs; 11 more this month plus Kids Day.

Exhibits:

Alyson's 1924 exhibit has been very positively received and is serving as the basis for this month's seniors presentations.

Community:

Current collaborations include Blossom Valley Singers, Fall Fair, Lions anniversary, and Summer Reading Club.

Volunteerism:

Two new volunteers, both seeking opportunities to address mental health and skills development.

Staffing:

Hiring final summer position, Museum Host, this week.

The Creston Museum uses the past to inspire connections with the community today, address its challenges, and make it a better place to live, learn, and explore