

# Manager's Report

14 May 2024

## Update From Last Meeting:

Most of the discussion last month centred around the upcoming AGM and orientation/training for the incoming Board of Directors. I have prepared orientation packages for everyone as discussed.

There was also discussion about priorities for the new Board: development of a long-term / strategic plan for the Museum, and in the shorter term making and implementing a decision on the Murphy equipment, with input from the membership. **The options for storage/display locations are attached.** Jeremy Piva expects to be able to move the equipment here early this coming week.

## Operations Highlights:

The past month has been all about Centennial events, and neither Alyson nor I mind admitting it has been a little bit insane! In addition to Alyson's pop-up exhibit "Creston 1924" and putting together a parade entry:

- Contributed photos, information, and an editorial for a supplement to the Creston Valley Advance (and got a free ad in exchange);
- Provided information, photos, and clues for the Creston Valley Youth Network scavenger hunt, happening Saturday afternoon;
- Created a backdrop slide show for the opening ceremonies' performance, "100 Years of Music;"
- Provided support for costumes for Town Council and staff
- Created bird/birding history presentation for Bird Festival
- Coordinated Chris Luke video as Yaqan Nukiy involvement in Centennial

## Further Discussion:

- **Forest Fire Response Plan** – I will have costs for you for next meeting, promise! Draft plan is attached for your review.
- **Murphy Equipment** – Overview, backstory, open house plans.

## Important Dates:

- Bird Festival: 10-11 May
- **Town Centennial: 14 May, 4:00 PM, CDCC**
- Summer Staff Start: 14 May
- Blossom Festival: 17-20 May
- Summer Hours: 19 May
- **Murphy Equipment Open House: 8 June?**
- Kids Day: 22 June
- History About Town Week: 15-20 July
- Tammy's Summer Holidays: 21 July – 3 August
- Pioneer Camp: 6-10 August
- Jr. Curators' Club: 20-24 August
- Tammy's Fall Holidays: 28 Sep – 5 Oct

## Collections:

*Derry the Model T needs an engine rebuild to continue using him for parades. \$3,000-\$5,000. **Yes, no?** Something to think about.*

## Programming:

*21 school programs booked this spring: several new teachers; several multi-bookings; all local schools.*

## Exhibits:

*Alyson is installing her look at Creston 1924 early this week.*

## Community:

*Working with three different groups on different interpretive signage projects around the Valley.*

## Volunteerism:

*One of the best turnouts for the clean-up day that we've had in years!*

## Staffing:

*Summer students begin 14/21 May. Congrats to Alyson who is expecting her third child! Mat leave likely to begin in October.*

*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*