

Manager's Report

13 August 2024

Update From Last Meeting:

Alan Chell is the advisor from CBT who will be working with us on the first step of a strategic plan. We are working on setting up the three-hour initial discussion (Jason, Todd, and me) for sometime in late August or early September. The full-board session will follow.

Operations Highlights:

I have (finally!) got a handle on Sage Accounting and have entered all financial records up to the end of April. I should have May and June done this week, and hope to use it instead of the old spreadsheets for mid-August financials.

Summer students are working on three small exhibit projects: Fall Fair (Ashley); interpretive panels for the new Ktunaxa walking trail (Sandy); and an interpretive panel about the logging arch (Brenda). Jarrett has been working on the fire-smart efforts we discussed last month.

Keith Powell, publisher from Cranbrook, has been working on a coffee-table-style book featuring Creston's history; anticipated publication early- to mid-October. \$3,000 to us for use of photos, plus book sales.

BC Arts Council Grant: No major application required this year, just interim report based on last year. I will take care of that over the next few weeks

Key Topics for Discussion:

Five Year Budget: The annual report to RDCK went in, and included the required five-year budget. Draft I sent in is **attached**; needs Board priorities and review.

Interim Position: Alyson and I have prepared a job description for a Museum Assistant position, with the intention of extending one of the summer positions. Three students are interested, plus one person from Vancouver island who inquired out of an interest in moving to the Kootenays. We hope to interview this week. **Job description attached.**

Important Dates:

- CKCA Culture Tour: 10-11 August
- Jr. Curators' Camp: 20-24 August
- Students' Last Day: 31 August
- Fall Fair: 6-7 September
- Lions 85th Anniversary: 21 September
- BCMA Conference 23-27 September
- Tammy's Fall Holidays: 28 Sep – 5 Oct

Collections:

Migration to CatalogIt is nearly complete and I will be training people in its use over the next weeks.

Programming:

Pioneer Camp highest attendance yet. History About Town better than last year but not full capacity.

Exhibits:

Vicky has undertaken create exhibits in various locations around town.

Community:

Ice Sports exhibit well in hand; cases nearing completion and we're working on content.

Volunteerism:

Kids Day and other programming providing good opportunities for

Staffing:

Three students are interested and available to extend their position through Alyson's leave.

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