

Manager's Report

10 September 2024

Update From Last Meeting:

CBT is requesting quotes from five consultants who will lead our strategic planning process; we should have the quotes by 15 September. Bylaws went out a few weeks ago with quorum-related sections highlighted.

Operations Highlights:

Library's Summer Reading Club had their usual week at the Museum in mid-August. Library staff reported that, when polling their participants about their favourite part, over half the kids in each of the three groups said the visit to the Museum.

Summer visitation has been comparable to past years. Feedback is very positive and several excellent reviews on social media.

Most content for Ice Sports exhibit is now in the hands of the graphic designer; I am working on gathering additional objects required. Forthcoming book *Forgotten Creston* is nearly complete and likely available early November. Content for new Yaqaan Nukiy walking trail is nearly ready to send.

BC Arts Council interim financial and statistical reporting is complete. We will receive \$20,000 per year for each of the next two years; a full application will be required in September 2026.

Key Topics for Discussion:

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

Projects and Planning: Just keeping a few things on our radar:

- Partnership with CBT re grain elevators;
- Plans for display/storage of Murphy equipment;
- Renewing two-year plans for BC Arts Council 2026 application

Important Dates:

- Lions 85th Anniversary: 21 September
- BCMA Conference 23-27 September
- Tammy's Fall Holidays: 28 Sep – 5 Oct
- Winter hours begin 6 Oct

Collections:

CatalogIt migration complete; now we're learning to use it and strategizing next steps for data cleanup and online access.

Programming:

Jr. Curator's week well attended with positive response. Museum open 6 days/week until 21 Sept.

Exhibits:

Fall Fair exhibit and golf course exhibit both very well received.

Community:

Pop-up exhibit and presentation for Lions Anniversary; Lions are sponsoring a free day at the Museum 21 Sept.

Volunteerism:

Continuing at typical levels. Need to define specific volunteer jobs over winter.

Staffing:

Ashley is working three days a week, and Brenda one, as our Museum Assistants.

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