

Manager's Report

11 February 2025

Update From Last Meeting:

Last month's meeting was really just a brief update, so there's not much to follow up on – but membership renewals continue to come in and we are now up to 71

Operations Highlights:

- Financial records will be going to Lenka this week.
- Annual ReDi grant application in progress
- Ashley and Brenda are resuming the On This Day posts on Facebook with very positive response; people continuing to be excited about seeing themselves or people they know represented.

Community Partnerships:

This month has been all about community partnerships:

- Jack Schwarz at Kokanee Inn is hosting a history event on 1 March with a special menu and \$5 from every meal going to the Museum; presentation will be "Still Standing" – a look at the connections between historic buildings.
- Working with Tilted Brick Gallery and Jackie Moore to prepare exhibit labels for an exhibit of Margaret Moore's work opening in April; there may be a couple pieces from our collection included.
- Partnering with Town's FireSmart program to host a community wildfire preparedness day 3 May
- Reaching out via the Arts Council to offer the Museum as a venue for local artists and artisans for the annual Culture Tour in August

Further Discussion:

- I've been watching the recent happenings in the US with concern, particularly the attacks on diversity and inclusivity and the insistence on a narrow and incomplete view of history. They are having a destructive impact on museums and other non-profits. Similar values are increasingly prevalent in Canada and with a federal election likely I think we need to think about our response and policy going forward
- On the radar: Murphy equipment; Grain elevator

Important Dates:

- Strategic Planning session #2: 11 Feb
- Tammy's skating competition: 14-16 Feb
- "Still Standing" at Kokanee Inn 1 Mar
- West Creston History Evening: 14 March
- Tammy's spring holidays: 30 March – 5 April
- Summer student start date: 13 May

Collections:

New database is working out well. Volunteer roles plus summer students to make data cleanup a little more manageable. Steam engine going to Lardeau

Programming:

New Brown Bag History program very well received; attendance small but likely to grow over time. 22 Feb

Exhibits:

Ice Sports installation has been delayed by electrical work in the display cases

Community:

New Carr Building user: Sew Peachy hosting a series of quilting workshops here

Volunteerism:

Working with Ann Day and applying for micro-grant from BCT for environmentally sustainable refresh of gardens.

Staffing:

All summer student grant applications have been submitted; notifications late March to early April.

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