

Manager's Report

14 January 2025

Update From Last Meeting:

Discussion last month centred on a possible partnership with CBT to manage the grain elevator; preparing for the annual financial review; and working towards accessibility.

- BC AC Accelerate Program, for \$10,00 per year over two years to support a pilot project regarding the elevator, has been submitted.
- YCW application for a summer student to help staff the elevator has been submitted; if we decide not to pursue this, we can easily decline the funding.
- Lenka has sent a take-over letter to Rita (a required formality) and I am preparing the records for Lenka to do the review.

Operations Highlights:

- Fairly quiet in terms of visitation, and I have been focusing on summer student and other grant applications.
- Ashley and Brenda have taken down the 40 Years 40 Voices exhibit and replaced it with one called "Living Large" that features some of the specialty, recreational, and more luxurious objects in the collections.
- Received two research requests recently for photos to illustrate local offices

Accessibility Efforts:

We've agreed that major changes to improve physical accessibility needs to be part of a long-term plan, but in the meantime there are some small, simple things we can do, such as installing wedges at high door sills to improve wheelchair and walker access, and putting pre-visit orientation resources on our website to help people better understand what to expect. I've built some of these tasks into our summer student Museum Host position.

Further Discussion:

- On the radar: Murphy equipment; Grain elevator
- Pathways Program: orientation done; working on setting up a meeting with our guide; workshop 23 January providing an overview of equity and access concepts

Important Dates:

- Strategic Planning session #1: 14 Jan
- Strategic Planning session #2: 28 Jan
- Tammy's skating competition: 14-16 Feb
- 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:

Museum Selfie Day 15 January. Scheduling public presentation of the programs I do for seniors homes.

Exhibits:

Ice Sports exhibit hopefully ready for installation this month.

Community:

Applied for a small grant from McLean Foundation to support seniors programs

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