

Manager's Report

12 November 2024

Update From Last Meeting:

Strategic Planning process is underway, with two sessions with consultant Mike Stolte scheduled for January. Funding agreement with CBT is complete and funding received.

Author breakfast with Keith Powell cancelled due to concerns the book wouldn't be available in time; we are doing a book signing event at the Library instead and Vicky is looking at an author event after Christmas.

Operations Highlights:

Lenka reviewed what I've done in Sage to date and was largely pleased with it. I am working to implement the changes she's suggested.

Selkirk College's Environmental Planning class visited for resources and information re a park at the West Creston ferry landing; Ashley and Brenda did an excellent providing them with what they needed.

Membership renewal notices will be going out by the end of November.

Re grain elevator matters: I am still waiting to hear back from non-profit galleries in Dawson Creek and St. Albert. Aron Burke, the new Creston-area Community Liaison with CBT, is coming in tomorrow and we will likely chat about it, and I will follow up with Ulli Mueller at CBT as well.

Key Topics for Discussion:

Museum Washroom: Rory McIntosh, who has been volunteering on the Model Railway for the last several months, was mentioning his background in construction and offering to take on a project. We discussed possible renovations to the Museum washroom to address serious accessibility issues. He is preparing a proposal and estimate.

Model Steam Engine: We have been offered a quarter-scale working model of a 65-hp Case steam engine. There are interesting interpretive possibilities with it, but it is not a local object and it is quite large (~600 pounds). *Thoughts?*

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:

- *Forgotten Creston* book signing: 23 Nov
- Holiday closure: 14 Dec – 6 Jan
- Strategic Planning session #1: 14 Jan
- Strategic Planning session #2: 28 Jan

Collections:

*Writing procedures for basic functions in Catalogit.
Developing volunteer/
summer staff tasks to
complete data clean-up*

Programming:

*Member Open House well
received. Selkirk College
class visited; two school
programs this week.*

Exhibits:

*Content and objects for Ice
Sports exhibit complete.
Mock-up layouts this week;
awaiting glass to install.*

Community:

*Pathways program begins in
January: one meeting per
month with our inclusivity
guide plus one cohort
meeting per month.*

Volunteerism:

*Identified several volunteer
roles for the winter; working
on adding them to website
and recruiting via email.*

Staffing:

*Summer staffing grants
open soon. Recommend
similar projects/applications
to previous years. **Approve?***

*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*