

Creston and District Historical and Museum Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 10, 2024 - Carr Building

We acknowledge that we meet on the unceded traditional territory of the Yaqan Nukiy within the Ktunaxa Nation

Present: Vicky, Tammy, Todd (Treas.), Jason (Pres.), Brenda (Rec.Sec.)

Regrets: Len, Jim, Ron

Chair Jason called the meeting to order: 8:55

Review and Acceptance of Meeting Agenda: Vicky motioned to accept the agenda, Todd seconded, Carried Unanimous

Review and Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from November 12: Brenda motioned to accept the minutes, Vicky seconded, Carried Unanimous.

Old Business:

- **Financial Report and Disposition of Year end Financial Report:** Todd says everything continues to look good but we will likely be in a deficit of about \$10K at year end but can use the COVID money if necessary to cover this off. There are three types of reports for our year end finances. The first is called a *Compilation* and this is simply the figures re-formatted, then there is a *Review* which is a re-formatting but there is some spot checking of the numbers, and finally there is the full *Audit*. This is costly so we need to decide what should be required. In the past we have always had a *Review*. The BC Arts Council only requires a *Compilation*. Lenka is unable to do a *Review* unless she renews her license to review. **Todd motioned that we**

have Lenka Pelikan do a *Compilation Engagement* for our 2024 year end financial report. Brenda seconded. Carried Unanimous.

- **Pathways Update:** Jason said he will be involved in an orientation session this Thursday and he was sent a survey with different questions about equity, diversity and inclusiveness. Tammy will be involved and Jason will check with Jim to see where he is at. If need be Todd is willing to join the group.
- **Book Signing Feedback:** Vicky & Tammy said that it was good event and there were about 29 people in attendance. Brenda added that once she saw the table top book it was great to see how much credibility and exposure the Museum and Tammy got for helping to put the book together. It just puts the Museum 'out there' for the community.
- **Update on Old Elevator:** Tammy said she spoke to Lee at the Trust and he indicated that we were interested in exploring our options with the elevator. We will be able to take a look at the lease at some point in the new year. Apparently the Museum in St. Albert looks after their grain complex along with an antique train and heritage homes all in a park setting, and that the draw for visitors is the grain elevators. Tammy said if the Museum were to take responsibility of the elevator it would open the possibility for cross promotion for the Museum. It would give us a downtown location for so many things and events in the community. The land is included when the second old elevator is deconstructed. We can also apply for more funding from the BC Arts Council Accelerant Program. We could access \$10K for each of the next two years. This capacity building grant can be used for anything, operating costs or programming. The deadline is the 19th. Tammy will complete the application as well as one for Young Canada Works for a grant for student next year.

Manager's Report:

So far we have just 45 renewals of memberships from the previous 200 plus last year. Tammy has sent a message out to remind people to re-apply and will get

another one together before year end. She said we have been approached by the owner of the Tilted Gallery to create a community partnership in the Armitage Centre. There isn't a huge space but we could have some curated exhibits and/or photos with a theme or story background. She was approached by a rep from the Curling Club inquiring as to why the club has not been involved in the sports exhibit at the Rec Centre. She said there will be some curling memorabilia but her recollection is that the club wasn't interested as they have their own display cases of curling history in the curling rink.

New Business:

- **Alexis Folk/EDI Activities:** Todd said hiring Alexis to speak to us fits into the strategic plan and the EDI discussions we will have. It's also good to have a person with challenges to tell us what they really need as opposed to us guessing what people with disabilities need. Alexis is certified as an assessor. Jason suggested that once we complete the Pathways program and our strategic plan meetings we may consider this option.
- Jason has written a statement on behalf of the Board that would go out on our website to let the community know how much work we have done so far. We can also add our holiday closures to this message.
- **Areas of Focus for Strategic Planning Session:** Todd suggests that taking some time to be prepared for the Strategic sessions is a good idea. What do we need to be doing differently, what problems are we facing, what do we want to tackle in the next couple of years. Jason asked each member around the room and a number of ideas were suggested. Tammy has been sent the agenda for the sessions and she will forward them to the Board.

Meeting Adjournment: 10:13

**Next Meeting January 14, 2025 Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and Happy
New Years everyone!**