

Creston & District Historical and Museum Society
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 8, 2024

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

Present: Vicky, Ron, Jim (VP), Todd (Treas.), Len, Tammy, Jason (Pres.), Brenda (Rec. Sec)

Jason called the meeting to order at 9:03

Review and Acceptance of Meeting Agenda: Jason requests to link the two items Strategic Plan and Pathways for ease of discussion. Todd motioned to accept the agenda, Jim seconded, Carried Unanimous.

Review and Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from September 10: Ron motioned to accept the minutes, Todd seconded, Carried Unanimous.

Old Business:

- **Financial Report: Todd/Tammy:** Todd said the monthly report was standard as there were no large expenses or income. Ron asked whether the BC Arts Council grant of \$20,000 is to target a specific project or program. Tammy indicated it is for operating funds as the Museum sees fit As well the \$3,000 was our Municipal grant/Redi Grant through CBT.
- **Strategic Planning Session:** Jason said two proposals were received and reviewed by the Board so a decision must be made today as to which facilitator should be hired. Connected to this issue was the Pathways Program that Todd suggested the Board look at as some Museums are incorporating this into their strategic plans. His concern is that the two proposals did not indicate anything around EDI which is equity, diversity and inclusion. As this is the number one priority for the BC Arts Council the Board agreed that signing up for the Pathways Program before the deadline of October 15 was appropriate not to also mention that it is free. It is recommended that the administrator and a Board member or two take part in the program. Jason and Tammy will be involved in this. Tammy will investigate the application process. They will meet once a month and then take their learnings back to the rest of the Board. Ron motioned to hire Mike Stolz as Facilitator of the Museum's Strategic Planning Session. Todd seconded. Carried Unanimous.

- **The Grain Elevator/Overview of CBT Presentation:** For those not in attendance Tammy said CBT (Columbia Basin Trust) is looking for a community partner. They are open to all sorts of models, but recognize giving the Museum the Red Elevator would be a burden so they are looking to continue to own the building but secure a partner 1rtner beyond the prestige of being responsible for likely one of the only grain elevators left in the province. The Board agreed there is interest but much more information will be needed before any decision can be made.

Manager's Report: Tammy said she spent the previous Friday making jam for all the Museum volunteers and asks if the Board members have any other ideas on how to thank volunteers. The group agreed an open house for members would be a good idea, possibly November 2. This could also be an opportunity for members to renew their membership. Tammy will crate a plan for this potential event. Otherwise she has nothing new to report since she has just returned from her holidays.

New Business:

- **The Book - Forgotten Creston:** Vicky has a great deal of experience with book launches and is interested in delivering one in the Carr building to promote Keith Powell's new book about the Creston Valley. She feels he could set up a slide show and guests would dine on fruit plates and something called *Christmas Morning Wife Saver Bread*. Vicky indicated that the United Church is willing to let a group of ladies make the meal in their commercial kitchen. She will ensure someone with food safe will be present. Brenda indicated she is willing to help out as she has food safe. Beyond this she will need some assistance in setting up tables and chairs in advance (Thursday November 7) and clean up with the dishes on Saturday. After a discussion the Board agreed that a \$10 dollar fee to attend would be reasonable. Vicky will check with Keith to see if Saturday November 9 would work for him. While promotion for this is required the room will likely hold comfortably about 40-50 people so the space is limited.
- **Museum Bylaws- Cont'd Discussion?:** This item will be tabled to the November meeting.

Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:04, Vicky seconded.

Next Meeting November 12.

Minutes: BDH