

# Creston and District Historical and Museum Society

## Meeting Minutes

*Tuesday April 8, Carr Building*



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

**Chair Jason called the meeting to order at 9:01**

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

- **Review and Acceptance of the Meeting Agenda:** Brenda motioned to accept the agenda, Jim seconded. Carried Unanimous.
- **Review and Acceptance of the Meeting Minutes from March 11:** Todd motioned to accept the minutes, Vicky seconded. Carried Unanimous.

### Old Business:

- **Financial Report:** Todd said there is nothing outstanding on the monthly report. In regards to the Year End Report Todd had some questions about some of the figures that we need to re-verify before we can accept or approve the report. The figures are close but not the same in relation to the expenses, but the revenues are in order. Once the numbers are figured out with Lenka we can approve the report by the Board via email. The engagement letter is ready for Jason to sign. The Invoice for payment is \$3,388.80 last year was \$7,800.
- **AGM Planning - Finalization Details:** On Tuesday April 22 at 7 PM in the Carr Building the Members meeting is scheduled to review the proposed changes to the Bylaws. The AGM is scheduled for April 29 at the Rec Centre and the notice went out to the membership on March 29. The slate of nominees will be reviewed by the Board just prior to the Town Hall Meeting so the Board can approve it in advance of the AGM. The AGM will be first and the High School Fire Presentation will follow. People attending following the AGM meeting could be encouraged to sign up as members if we set up a table for this purpose. Tammy will prepare a powerpoint and Jason will lead the meeting.

We will also introduce the Strategic Plan at the AGM and we will remind the members that this is not a static but rather a working document.

- **Bylaws Changes Proposed:** The proposed changes have gone out on the website to the membership and there has been no response from anyone so far. Jason thanked Todd for doing such a good job. Do we need to tweak anything still? Everyone feels comfortable with the changes that have been made. Everyone should make sure they go through these changes once more and make sure everything looks correct.
- **Nominating Committee Update:** An email was sent out to the membership for interest but there were no responses. Some people were contacted directly but declined at this time. Everyone except for Jason will have their names stand for the Board. So we still need to find one other person to replace Jason. Also do we want to consider a slate of seven Board members or a slate of six? It would be better to have a full slate of 7. There are a couple of names still out there we need to reach out to. Jason asked everyone to look at the membership list and see if there are any names that stand out that we might make personal contact with and submit those names by Monday the 14th. Even if you have a name of someone who is not a member we can have them apply for membership prior to the AGM.

**Manager's Report:** Tammy said the potential revision of the Bylaws took up a fair bit of time this past month. It's also been busy at the Museum with visitations so much so that Tammy came in on her vacation leave on Saturday. The BC Arts Council Accelerate Grant was received in the amount of \$5,000 per year for two years. This is a good starting point for an agreement that we might have with CBT. Tammy wrote a potential five year agreement with them but we could probably work out something with CBT to make it however long we want when it comes to the Grain elevator management. At the moment we do have access to the elevator and there have been some ad hoc tours and Sandy Kuntz has been ok with that. Tammy said in regard to the hire of summer students we were declined funding for one of them from Young Canada Works. There could be a number of reasons for this ie higher wages and massive over subscription. Likely we will have two students only our cost is approximately \$12,000. Ashley and Brenda are still working covering Alyson off throughout the summer. Tammy has not yet heard back from Canada Summer Jobs but that position is only 8 weeks and usually involves a high school student. The Board agreed that there should always be three students available particularly if we take on the responsibility of the the Grain Elevator, so if necessary we need to cover those costs ourselves.

**Jim motioned to hire the Archive Student Position with or without Government funding, Todd seconded. Carried Unanimous.**

### **New Business:**

- **Goat River Crossing Cemetery:** Other than the information Todd sent out to everyone regarding the obligation to upkeep this cemetery by the Museum in perpetuity which was news to everyone, he had no more to add. Jason has a map of the cemetery and of who is buried where. It was the site of the old hospital and the Fritz family has most of their family interred there. Jason said it is a historical cemetery but people other than the Museum have been doing the upkeep, mowing the lawn building a new fence etc. over the last few years. Since it's not a licensed cemetery there is no care fund for it. Technically the Museum is responsible for it in perpetuity but if we do not want to take this responsibility any longer we need someone to step up and take care of it. There is a museum sign there that has been there for a number of years. There is public access but it's not that easy to get into and currently the province owns it. Jason says his business would be interested in taking the cemetery over. Ron wants to see the Museum pay for some things to make it in good shape just even as a thank you to the Fritz family. The hospital graves are not marked but a marker to mark these could be done. Jim is interested in helping out with fixing up the what is needed in the cemetery.

### **ROUND THE ROOM**

- Len said he was concerned that Tammy had to come into the Museum when she was on holidays and this should not happen in the future. She will bank these hours. It was suggested that we have some kind of information system that tells the Board and others when Tammy is on holidays and that if there are any issues that come up the President would be contacted.
- Vicky would like to know if we have a smaller vacuum so she can clean the stone floor as it's really hard to sweep. Len said he will assist Vicky with this task.
- Jim says he is very interested in being some part of the upkeep of the old cemetery to keep him in mind.
- Ron thanked Jason for taking on the position of Chair of the Board given the circumstances over the last couple of years and the rest of the Board agreed he has done a great job. Thank you Jason!

**Meeting Adjournment: Brenda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:12**

**Next Meeting May 12, 2025**

