

## Creston and District Historical and Museum Society

### Meeting Minutes

*Tuesday June 10, 2025 Carr Building*

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

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

**Chair Ron called the meeting to order at 8:33.**

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

**Review and Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2025:** Len motioned to accept the minutes, Vicky seconded Carried Unanimous.

#### Old Business:

- **Financial Report: Todd/Tammy:** Todd says there is nothing at all out of the ordinary this month.
- **Update on Duties of Museum Custodian:** Len said Jarrett works 20 hours per week in the spring and summer and 10 per week in the winter. These hours are at his discretion as he also has other employment. In Len's walkabout he is happy with how things look and he says he has high standards. There are areas we can tweak a bit and he will let Jarrett know there are some things he shouldn't be doing like leaving piles of branches laying around, especially in the summer. Vicky said tools have been left lying around but Tammy says that could be done by others working there. The suggestion is to have a volunteer committee looking after the grounds and shrubs etc. Regarding winter plowing, Jarrett does the sidewalks in the winter as they are not accessible by the snow removal equipment. The current contractor leaves piles of gravel around and he is quite messy and

plows around cars rather than having the cars moved. He also comes only Monday, Wednesday and Friday so if there is snow in between it will not get plowed until one of the those days. Len will look around to see who might be available if we want to change contractors.

### **Manager's Report**

Tammy said there have been caution strips painted on the stairs for safety. There are now a number of sidewalks that chunks are breaking off of. The patio is also losing it's top layer. They are looking at ways to seal this before it gets worse. Otherwise we need to bring in a contractor to see what the cost would be to replace everything.

It's also be a slow start to the season, which is puzzling. We are down to half of last years numbers. But, the summer staff doing an awesome job. Tammy still has one more student to hire and will be interviewing Thursday and Saturday for the Museum host position to start next week and help with the Kids' activity.

Collections data clean up is progressing so they will be working on this for a while. The gardens are planted they are working on signage. Len helped with the College of the Rockies job skills program. Len said when they arrived they were unable to find the main entrance so it's something to think about for future. A physical and virtual job board is going to be set up for tasks around the Museum that need to be done. Tammy attending the Staking Park recognition, and Bird Festival and Luanne Armstrong is now coming in to the Museum to write a book. Creston Climate action wants Tammy to do a presentation on electrification of the Creston Valley. The Chamber also wants to have a session at the Museum as well. The next Museum event is kids day if anyone wishes to help out. June 28 is brown bag history and the theme is Summer Memories. Tammy said her overtime is hard to keep under control because of the various activities and on top of that getting all the presentations done.

### **New Business:**

- **Life time Memberships:** Ron says there are currently six. He asks if there is a policy on this issue and if there are criteria for choosing someone. Tammy says a plaque has been started on the premises and Jim indicates he can get this updated if necessary. Criteria and discussion for selection of lifetime members moving forward to be determined by the Board. (tabled?)
- **Membership Renewals:** The Membership list currently shows ninety-three. But in the immediate past there were many more and we already gave the other 200 that dropped, a grace period. Ron said he will put out a message from the Board in regard to those previous members urging them to renew their membership.
- **Community Mapping:** Todd explained that the Pathways program that Tammy and Todd are participating in is to promote equity and accessibility in the Museum. They meet with a leader every few weeks to discuss this and she has suggested they consider doing community mapping ie what services are available in our community, what interest groups and non profit groups exist. The Board agreed the Chamber of Commerce would be the body to do this but we could be a participant.
- **Columbia Basin Tour Trust in August/Fire Film?:** CBT does this every year and they hold an information session on what they do. Is there anything we could do to promote the museum at that time? They send out posters and brochures to distribute. The dates are August 9 and 10. These culture tours are all over the Columbia Basin to promote arts and culture. You just sign up and go on the tour. Tammy's fire film is now running in the theatre at the Museum and anyone can go in and watch it.
- **Strategic Planning Update Report Out:** Tammy, Todd and Ron met and Todd will give us the final report next month.

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- **Len suggested that when the tour guides are not busy doing projects, they could be cleaning etc. as pine needles and flower pieces accumulate in the walkways.**

- **The stairs outside need to be looked at. Jarrett has done what he can though there could be more done or new stairs put in place as this is a Health and safety and appearance concern.**
- **Vicky asks if Jarrett can varnish or make the front door look friendlier and inviting. Suggestion that a volunteer could do that. Vicky is also working on another display out at the golf course. This time she is using a big white bicycle from the archives so it should be fun when done.**
- **Gillian asked what the relationship with the Grain Elevator and the Museum is Tammy explained that a proposal has been sent by us but we have not received a response yet. CBT is looking for a potential buyer of the building and if this occurs the Museum could become involved at that time to manage the building.**

**Meeting Adjournment 9:40**

**Next Meeting July 8, 2025**