

Manager's Report

9 December 2025

Update From Last Meeting:

Key topics of discussion last month:

- **RDCK Increase:** Todd and I met with CVSC on 4 December to request an additional \$35,000 per year to support moving to a second full-time position. They were all very open and receptive; it's still too early to tell but I think we can expect to see some increase at least.
- **Carr Building/Makerspace:** Total of \$10,000 to date from Gleaners and Credit Union. No word yet from WFG, and New Horizons grant won't be announced until February. Funds to date transferred to Building Reserve pending additional; cannot start the project until confirmation received.
- **Defamation Claim:** Unfiled response sent to Luke's lawyer. Karen sent an update this week sounding fairly optimistic that Luke's lawyer will convince him to drop his claim.

Our Impact:

\$500 donation from a repeat visitor: "I've enjoyed many of your talks and tours since I moved here, and recently Ashley was very helpful with some research I've been doing for my model railroad. The museum is a wonderful resource here in the Valley and the work you're all doing is important!"

- Represents two recent trends: increased repeat visitation; increased time on grounds and number of services accessed; and direct correlation between degree of staff interaction and level of support
- This has significant implications given general decline in staff availability
- Working on ways to track this as part of our visitor statistics

Operations Highlights:

- **Grant Applications:** has been my focus this month. Submitted:
 - Jackman Foundation (staffing)
 - BC Heritage Digitization Program (newspapers online)
 - BCAC Arts Infrastructure Program (washroom exploratory)
 - BasinARTS (washroom and minor accessibility upgrades)
 - Canada Summer Jobs (summer staffing)
 - Young Canada Works (summer staffing) in progress

Further Discussion:

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Important Dates:

- Fall and Winter Hours:
 - Wednesdays, 1:00 – 4:00
 - Thursdays/Fridays, 10:00 – 1:00
 - Saturdays, 10:00 – 4:00
- Brown Bag History 12 December
- Winter closure: 20 Dec – 5 Jan
- Volunteer Appreciation: 31 January?
- Heritage Week: 16-22 February ("Stir the Pot")

Collections:

Moving Brenda's job tasks to adding the Advance photos to the database, under Terry Reksten Memorial Funding received

Programming:

Seniors programs will be expanding to include new Horizons in January

Exhibits:

Still awaiting word on funding for Cold War / Hot Earth, but beginning to gather information anyway.

Community:

Providing support for Curling Club in marking their 100th anniversary

Volunteerism:

Continuing to post jobs on website and bulletin board, but personal requests still most effective.

Staffing:

Canada Summer Jobs submitted; Young Canada Works in progress

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The Creston Museum connects, educates, and engages to support a vibrant, inclusive community.