

Manager's Report

8 July 2025

Update From Last Meeting:

Two major activities to follow up from last month's meeting:

- 2025-2028 Strategic plan has been revised and reformatted; attached for further discussion
- Five-year draft budget is attached for further discussion

Operations Highlights:

- Visitation has picked up a little from what we were seeing in May, but is still quieter than usual for June.
- At least one family visited the museum as a direct result of having participated in the kids' activities we ran at Canada Day
- Kids Day fairly well attended despite the rain. Many positive comments from parents about how much they appreciated having things for kids to do even in bad weather; very positive response to activities and comments that the kids even learned something.
- Six membership renewals following reminder email sent out on 2 July

Community Impact:

We provided historic photos, information, and a couple of objects for a scavenger hunt the Library created for National Indigenous Peoples' Day, 21 June. We record this as one research request or collections use, but it impacts everyone who participated in the scavenger hunt, as well as those who saw the materials without participating.

Staff estimate over 100 participants in the kids' activities we ran at Canada Day in Canyon. Some were activities we brought, but, due to declining volunteerism, we also ran games and activities that the event organizers had chosen. Our involvement helps Canyon Community Association deliver a very popular community event.

The granddaughter of Rae Masse visited early in July. She had never really known her grandfather, but was able to get to know him a little through the materials and objects in the collections.

Further Discussion:

- Strategic Plan and Budget

Important Dates:

- History About Town Week: 14-19 July
- Brown Bag History: 19 July
- Tammy's Summer Holidays: 21 July – 3 August
- Summer Camps: First/third weeks August
- Columbia-Kootenay Culture Tour: August 9-10
- Tammy's Fall Holidays: 28 Sep – 5 Oct

Collections:

Data cleanup progressing; beginning to work through process for online publishing. Beginning to enter publications, moments, and other resources to database

Programming:

History About Town Week preparations underway. Registrations coming in for kids' camps in August.

Exhibits:

Signage for demonstration gardens and replacement signage for older exhibits expected this week

Community:

CoTR job skills program volunteers; Canada Day at Canyon Park

Volunteerism:

Volunteer job bulletin boards set up online and in the office. One new volunteer.

Staffing:

Taylor Anderson, Museum Host position, now working full time until end of August.

We bring the rich history of the Creston Valley to life.

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