

Manager's Report

9 September 2025

Update From Last Meeting:

Following up on our two key discussions from last month:

- **Carr Building Rentals:** we have actually been getting a number of inquiries about renting it and/or the grounds. I am working on a grant application to New Horizons (Government of Canada) for modifications that will help make it truly multi-purpose; deadline 17 September. We should also consider an application to Gleaners for this.
- **Gift Shop Development:** Not working too much on this right now as we're just wrapping up the mani summer season, but will keep at it over the winter to be ready for next spring.

Operations Highlights:

- Visitation good; no real end-of-August slump as we usually see – good for numbers, bad for getting anything else done...
- Fall Fair organizers were very grateful we could contribute (kids activities and impromptu history display), but attendance at our kids activities booth was very low and I will suggest to them that we focus on the local-agricultural-history displays in future.
- Between Ashley, Brenda, volunteers, and I, we are keeping the Museum fully open five days a week until the end of September. Reduced winter hours will begin in October.

Further Discussion:

- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation:** We have been invited by Yaqan Nukiy Peoples Heritage Society to collaborate on an exhibit. They are suggesting a mini-exhibit in our schoolhouse, beginning 15 September. My only hesitation is my planned holidays which fall the week of 28 September.
- **Staff Position:** I am working on a job description for a Visitor Services/Admin position that I think will be easier to fill locally than a Curatorial position. Beyond starting to sketch out where that role ends and mine begins, I have not had time to make much progress.

Important Dates:

- Alfa Romeo Club: September 13
- Brown Bag History: September 20
- Tammy's Fall Holidays: 28 Sep – 5 Oct
- Fall hours (Wed-Sat) begin 6 Oct
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Collections:

Funding received through BC United Way to hire a person with disabilities to do collections work

Programming:

Jr. Curator's Club LOVED creating a little exhibit for the Museum!

Exhibits:

Planning collaboration with Env. Sci. class at KRSS for "Peril" exhibit; funding possible through Digital Citizen Program.

Community:

Upcoming presentations for Creston Climate Action and National Association of Retired Government Employees

Volunteerism:

Staffing:

Alyson will not be returning. Ashley and Brenda are able to continue as they are until December.

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

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