

Creston and District Historical and Museum Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday November 13, 2025 Carr Building

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

Present: Todd, Jim, Gillian, Tammy, Brenda

Regrets: Ron, Vicky, Len

Brenda as Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 8:59

Review and Acceptance of Meeting Agenda and Minutes from October 14, 2025:

Gillian motioned to accept the agenda and minutes with the correction of the word "Minutes" replacing the word "Agenda" in the heading. Jim seconded. Carried Unanimous.

Old Business:

- **Financial Report:** Todd said the income of \$1,500 from sales and visitations was a good amount. Tammy said the summer student grants are already coming in totalling \$12,600 from Young Canada Works. We were also funded retroactively by them in the amount of \$6,300. Todd suggested we should consider increasing the wage rate to \$20 per hr but YCW suggests the wage should be even higher at \$20.50 per hour which would help with future funding. Otherwise of note our expenses are coming in fairly low, likely due to the good weather. Overall the financial situation is looking very good.
- **Notice of Civil Claim - Update:** Tammy spoke with our lawyer on Tuesday at length. Her draft response is possible by the end of the week. The actual date for the response is the 18th of November, but it might not be

prepared by then. Everyone who is involved has now been spoken to by the legal team.

- **Doors and Windows in Storage Update:Tabled to December.**
- **Carr Building Update:** Gillian said she noticed that there was a message on the internet website indicating the Carr Building is not available for rental. Tammy will check this out and remove anything that indicates this. Gillian said not much has happened since the last meeting other than we received \$5,000 from Gleaners. Todd indicated we should make a motion to approve the Carr building project in order to make it formal. Todd motioned to fund raise \$50,874 for an upgrade to the Carr Building Project in order to enhance rental. Jim seconded. Carried Unanimous.

Manager's Report:

All the grant applications have been submitted so now we just wait for the results. The Museum washroom plan was also submitted through a grant application. For this work there are two grants available, the BC Arts Council Infrastructure Fund and the CTB Basin ARTS Fund is the second. The washroom would have to be rebuilt to code so the cost will be higher than usual. The plan is to do exploratory work in February/March and then the actual renovation in the fall of 2026. The estimated cost on the exploratory work is \$6,000. CBT would fund this project also if need be, even if the entire building required restructuring in order to do the work. The total cost of the renovation is projected to be \$49,525. Todd motioned to approved \$50,000 in fundraising efforts expenditures for improvement to the washroom to make it accessible. Gillian seconded. Carried Unanimous.

Tammy added that an application was also made to the Jackman Foundation to support wages for the part time to full time position, which translates into a \$35,000 increase in funding, total request of \$50,000 for a two year period. Todd and Tammy working on the proposal to the RDCK. Tammy handed out figures for the five year budget (attached). Plans for the Carr building roof need to be built in for 2026. Gillian asked if it is possible that we might receive grants through the

Firesafe Program for the roof of the Carr Building. We have already had a firesafe inspection a couple of years ago which produced a list of required changes.

New Business:

- **Carr Building Aging Roof:** The cost of a new roof is estimated at approximately \$10,000. We have set aside \$15,000 for this work. The material will be standard shingles as the roof is fairly basic. We should look at doing this work in 2026 and around the same time as the washroom renovations. Tammy will check out potential contractors and Jim will check at the Fire Hall in regards to Firesafe and possible funding.
- **Thoughts on distance leadership:** Brenda asked the Board if they were satisfied with how the meetings were being led with Ron being absent for the winter months. Everyone agreed that retaining Ron as President even for part of the year was an acceptable situation and that we need Ron to provide his strong and knowledgeable leadership and he will be returning to Creston in February.
- **Todd motioned to have the Board move into an "In Camera" session, Jim seconded, and Tammy left the room. Todd motioned to return from "In Camera", Jim seconded. The meeting continued with Tammy present.**

ROUND THE ROOM

- Tammy said the Model T is being worked on at Bob Cull's place.
- **Todd Remembrance Day Project:** Todd said there is a grant available for Remembrance Day projects. His idea is around researching deceased war veterans that died in WWII and other conflicts, and then create posters with their pictures and put the posters in the yard where they lived. He and Tammy have discussed this idea but feel finding addresses for veterans could be very challenging. But these posters could be placed around town or at the Museum. Tammy said that the fallen from WWI are easier to access the records publicly, and just in Creston alone there are 1,000 veterans. These WWI veterans could be the start of the project and the

idea would be that the Museum tackle more over a period of years. Todd also investigated purchasing a business printer, which cost only about \$1,000 that we could use to print the posters and any other signage the Museum might need. Everyone agreed this is a very good idea to pursue.

Gillian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:20.

Next Meeting December 9, 2025