

Manager's Report

14 April 2026

Update From Last Meeting:

Todd is purchasing a microphone to record better-quality audio for the videos we talked about last month, and I'm working on converting some of my recent brown Bag History presentations. We should be able to launch the first few very soon. Other key discussion revolved around our major facilities projects:

- **Washroom Renovation:** Pete got the plumbing scoped; good news is it looks like the four-inch step is only cosmetic, and the pipes are flowing in the ideal direction. He is removing the bathtub this week to better assess in-wall plumbing and electrical, then patching things back up so we can use the washroom over the summer. Major work begins October-ish.
- **Wheelchair Ramp:** Working with Vertex to get plans and drawings and sort out permitting, etc. Have not heard back as expected, so will follow up this week.

Our Impact:

We've been asked to participate in quite a few community events coming up: Creston Climate Action's Earth Day activities; New Horizons Seniors' Association; Bird Fest; Blossom Fest opening ceremonies. With the exception of Blossom Fest, these all involve presentations that we have already prepared. Ironically, the only one we *haven't* been asked to participate in is Luanne Armstrong's History Symposium May 29-30.

Ashley and Brenda's Trivia Night at WildNorth was very well received.

Operations Highlights:

- **Carr Building Retrofit:** We did not receive New Horizons funding. We can go ahead with priority work using the \$10,000 in hand. Clean-up scheduled for Friday, April 17, starting at 10:00 AM, with garage sale scheduled for Saturday.
- **Carr Building Roof:** ReDi grant funding still pending.

Further Discussion:

- **2027 Operating Budget:** Will have draft ready for May meeting.

Important Dates:

- Carr Building Clean-Up: 17-18 April
- 1000 Years Pop-Up Exhibit: 18-25 April
- AGM/Volunteer Appreciation: 25 April
- Bird Festival: 8-10 May
- Blossom Festival: 15-18 May
- Cold War Exhibit Opening: 16 May?
- **Brown Bag History: 30 May? Input?**
- Kids Day: 27 June

Collections:

Sending Review microfilms and initial payment to UBC Library this week.

Programming:

School program bookings picking up; Ashley preparing summer camp information.

Exhibits:

Cold War exhibit progressing well; anticipate opening May long weekend.

Community:

Working with Blossom Fest for an 85th anniversary production at opening ceremonies on 15 May

Volunteerism:

Two new volunteers have joined us in the past month or so.

Staffing:

All four summer student positions funded for expected 50% of costs. Scheduling interviews this week; May 11 start date

Time Accruing: (30 Mar)

*Sick Days: 12/12
Vacation Days: 28/30
Overtime Days: 30.17*

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