

Manager's Report

10 March 2026

Update From Last Meeting:

Last month's discussion focused on upcoming major projects. We will need to award the contract for the washroom, at least, at this meeting.

- **Washroom Renovation:** Quotes are attached. Some are for electrical work only. Pete Banman, who gave us the original quote, said his will not change.
- **Wheelchair Ramp:** two quotes obtained by Len are attached.

Our Impact:

Last year, we received a beaded buckskin jacket made by an unknown Yaqan Nukiy woman in 1954 or 1955. Chris Luke, whom I first spoke to, wasn't able to identify the maker, but I reached out to Chief and Council this week. They have not yet been able to identify the maker but confirmed that the jacket is of Yaqan Nukiy origin; it has now been returned to the community where it will be framed and put on display.

Operations Highlights:

- **Newspaper Digitization:** I have set up a fundraising campaign on our CanadaHelps page to help raise at least part of the costs of this project that are not covered by the BCHDP grant. More promotion coming!
- **Property Clean-Up:** Jarrett has been working hard to deal with piles of debris and random objects accumulated over years around the workshop and upper sheds. Looks much better and addresses FireSmart issues.
- **Grant Applications and Projects:**
 - CBT Basin Arts (washroom): initial payment received; quotes for work received
 - BCHDP (newspapers): Agreement signed; next steps discussed with UBC Library
 - ReDi Grant (Carr Building roof): Submitted; will know by early June
 - New Horizons (Carr Building): Still pending
 - Summer Student grants: Decisions pending; jobs have been posted

Further Discussion:

- **BC Museums Association Conference** is in Nanaimo, November 3-6. Early-bird registration \$499, plus travel expenses – yes/no?
- Almost time to start thinking about 2027 operating budget

Important Dates:

- Brown Bag History: 21 March
- Tammy Holiday/Reduce OT: 29 March-11 April
- 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
- Summer Students start: 11/12 May
- Blossom Festival: 15-18 May

Collections:

Brenda's work on adding Creston Valley Advance photos to database progressing well.

Programming:

Ashley is working on a virtual tour of the Museum with Todd. Gift shop inventory is progressing.

Exhibits:

Cold War exhibit in progress. Planning for "Five Years in Tye" beginning

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:

YCW-funded summer jobs posted; applications being received.

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