

# Curator/CEO Report

12 May 2026

## Update From Last Meeting:

The bulk of our discussion last month revolved around accessibility work:

- **Washroom Renovation:** Tub is removed and exploratory work is done preparatory to full renovations in the fall.
- **Wheelchair Ramp:** Further investigation indicated we only need the one ramp, near the south end of the parking area. I have talked to Vertex about that and expect to have that work scheduled very soon.
- **Accessible Parking:** Todd and I have identified the space alongside the steam locomotive, by the lower gate, as the only feasible designated accessible parking spot. Signage forthcoming; we will expand staff training to ensure everyone knows how to manage access in and out.

## Our Impact:

Very busy with community partnership programming – Bird Fest, Blossom Fest, Canada Day at Canyon Park. We have been asked to participate in a second Canada Day event, but this will depend on summer student availability. Beginning to prepare for legion anniversary in July.

## Operations Highlights:

- **Summer Staff:** Isis Gidney – Program Coordinator; Maria Maddess – Assistant Archivist; Leanna MacIsaac – Collections Assistant; Leanna returns from last year. All three have been approved by YCW and begin full-time work 11 May. Patience Palmer – Activity Leader part-time support position for schools and other summer programming funded through WEOG.

## Further Discussion:

- **Grain Elevator Programming:** \$5,000 received from BCAC for this year; still have not spent same amount from last year. Sandy Kunze is inviting us to take over the gift shop space; suggest *Lost Industries* exhibit and hire a part-time staff person (3 days/week x 13 weeks) to lead elevator tours June-August.
- **2027 Operating Budget:** Draft attached.

## Important Dates:

- Bird Festival: 8-10 May
- Summer Students: 11 May
- Blossom Festival: 15-18 May
- Brown Bag History: 30 May
- Cold War Exhibit Opening: 20 June
- Kids Day: 27 June
- History About Town: 13-18 July
- Tammy's Holidays: 19 July - 5ish August

## Collections:

*Creston Review* microfilms sent to UBC; Advance photo project progressing well.

## Programming:

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

## Exhibits:

Cold War exhibit opening scheduled for 20 June; opening event will be June's Brown Bag History event.

## Community:

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

## Volunteerism:

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

## Staffing:

Three summer student positions begin 11 May; Museum Host will begin end of June.

## Time Accruing: (30 Apr)

Sick Days: 5/12  
Vacation Days: 22/30  
Overtime Days: 27.01

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