

Creston and District Historical and Museum Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 14, 12026 Carr Building

Present: Tammy, Gillian, Todd (Treas.), Len (VP), Vicky, Jim, Brenda(Rec.Sec.)

Regrets: Ron

Chair Len called the meeting to order at 9:01

Review and Acceptance of Meeting Agenda: Gillian motioned to accept the Agenda, Jim seconded. Carried Unanimously.

Review and Acceptance of the Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2026: Brenda motioned to accept the minutes, Todd seconded. Carried Unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Financial Report:** A few grants came in, primarily the BC Arts Council Grant at \$25,000. Our insurance was due and was approximately \$12,400. Lenka Pelikan's invoice for the year end was \$3,400. There were a few expenses but they were all standard. We have three Fortis bills as there are three meters for three buildings. We paid the Tourism Society \$409 for our annual add in the visitors guide. Todd Motioned to receive the financial report as presented, Vicky seconded. Carried Unanimously.

- **AGM - Update:** Tammy's email to the membership about the AGM was very good, but even with that it is unsure as to how many people to expect for the volunteer recognition. The bag lunch presentation will be a focus on Civil Defense in Creston and will begin at noon. The AGM will start at around 1PM. Refreshments will be served for the volunteers including a charcuterie board prepared by Vicky. Thank you Vicky! Jim and Todd will be out of town.

Review and Update of Planning Document:

Gillian said that Tammy's review was completed last Thursday with her, Len and Jim, and it went well.

The bathroom renovation has begun and the old metal bathtub has been removed. The exploratory work will only be a few days and the actual work will not be until October. We are still waiting on the results of the grant for the potential re-roofing of the Carr Building. Hopefully we will know something by the beginning of May. Is it possible to purchase the shingles in advance in order to save on potential increase in cost for materials? Tammy will check this out.

Tammy is working on the Blossom Festival slide presentation for the opening ceremonies and Brenda and Ashley are working on an idea for the parade.

Todd has now taken most of the pictures for the virtual tour of the Museum.

Carr Building Update: Unfortunately we did not get the New Horizons grant for \$25,000 for the Carr Building. We have only \$10,000 to spend so for now it will be on small things like window coverings, a wall screen and possibly new chairs. We won't be able to address the floor at this time. Gillian proposes we buy rolling chairs for the quilters. Communication is to be made with the quilting group to see how they feel about losing their chairs. Gillian will investigate sliding doors for the far wall and obtain quotes for window coverings. She will also get a quote for the floor just to see what the cost might be.

The cleaning out of the upstairs room of the Carr building will take place this coming Friday and it will be followed by a garage sale of the items on Saturday starting at 9 through 12. Tammy is leaving early Saturday for her father's 80th birthday!

We are approved to do the work on the outside stairs, but the work has yet to begin. Tammy will reach out to contractor and find out what is going on. It is unsure if we need a building permit. Todd will investigate this. We also need designated parking if we have designated ramps and stairs with handrails. Tammy said she checked at Town Hall and was advised that if the stairs are not connected to the building a permit is not required.

Golf Course Display: Vicky said she wants to do another presentation at the golf course club house this summer and has spoken to the new manager who seemed uninterested in the idea so she will see if this actually occurs.

The Cold War Hot Earth project is coming along and Tammy hopes to be finished by the May long weekend. Tammy will begin the process of interviewing the student applicants on the 28th. There are about 14 or 15 of them and some of the hires will start May 11.

The painting of the school house will be moved to September when the weather is cooler.

Access to the Museum: Todd said need to think about accessible parking. We likely need two spots. We also need to purchase signs for the spots. A potential parking spot could be by the train. Discussion ensued around where the spots and signage should be - and this is yet to be determined.

- **Preservation of Regional History:** Todd said that the knowledge side of preservation is a bit complicated. Apparently there are free data bases that you can store data and research and information on. This space is free for Museums in Canada and there is one spot in BC that will store for the entire country. It's called the Links project. Our volunteers or staff can enter our data directly into this

system. The system can even do analysis for us. Some training would be required. Gillian suggested that given the work that needs to be done in the first part of this year that this issue could be moved to the fall when Tammy and other staff have more time. The suggestion was to have Todd investigate everything that would be required to begin using this system and report back to the Board with his recommendations.

Manager's Report: Tammy said that the video compilations that are being produced are going to be on a U tube channel for everyone to watch. Tammy is looking for feedback on what to do for the brown bag lunch on May 30 and is not sure if the Museum will be involved in Luanne Armstrong's history symposium as it is sold out already. The suggestion was to repeat the Blossom Festival Brown Bag lunch as opposed to creating something new. Tammy is also now including her balances of leave and overtime on her monthly report.

New Business:

Recruitment for Board Members: Len and Ron have indicated they will resign their positions. Todd, Brenda, Jim, Vicky and Gillian will remain. A couple of names have been suggested as potential directors and Gillian and Brenda will reach out to them.

The Board moved to an "in camera" meeting.

Meeting returned from "in camera" and adjourned at 10:45

Next Meeting May 12, 2026