

Creston and District Historical and Museum Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday December 9, 2025 - Carr Building

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

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

Regrets: Ron (Pres.)

Len called the meeting to order at 9:01

Brenda motioned to accept the meeting Agenda and the Minutes from November 13, 2025. Gillian seconded. Carried Unanimous.

Old Business:

- **Financial Report: Todd/Tammy:** The the two \$5,000 grants came in for the Carr Building. Todd said the expenses are looking very good as below what we budgeted. Everything else is in order.
- **Notice of Civil Claim - Further updates:** Tammy said that our response through counsel was sent to Luke Kurata's lawyer, and as of this date it is still un-filed. Karen, (our counsel) sent an update Thursday the 4th. Apparently defamation claims are very tough to win. Even if you win the case, damages are not usually significant compared to the expenses of legal. For now we just continue to wait and see what Luke Kurata's response will be.
- **Doors and Windows Storage:** Tammy got an email from Jason (who is storing the materials at the funeral home) indicating someone was interested in purchasing the door. Tammy will place the items on Marketplace and hopefully we can recover some of the expended funds.

- **Carr Building/Grants Received Flooring Options & Timing:** Gillian indicated she has looking into flooring materials, ie epoxy vs vinyl plank and the pros and cons of such. Either way the chairs will need to have rubber wheels attached to them so they don't destroy any new surface. These wheels are relatively inexpensive and can be purchased on Amazon. This will be the responsibility of each of the quilting ladies for their own chair(s). They will be advised of this in the new year. Tammy advises that we should not begin the project until we know if we have received approval from New Horizons which will not be until February. The Board agreed.
- **Carr Building Roof/Firesmart Info:** Jim said they are looking for a new firesafe person and once identified that person will contact him in order make an appointment to discuss whether or not we can receive any subsidy or benefit through that program.

Manager's Report: Tammy said she has been very busy. She only has the Young Canada Works Grant left to complete. The meeting with the Regional District went very well as only clarifications were asked and they appeared to be open to the request for increase in funding. Job well done Todd and Tammy! However, the Jackman Foundation did turn down our request for funding, but we received \$2,000 from the Terry Reksten Memorial Funding to add original photos to the data base. It's the 100th anniversary of the Curling Club so there will be a brown bag presentation on this for Saturday's topic at the Seniors Hall, as well as another presentation at the Rec Centre. Tammy says she has noticed an increase in the amount of time visitors are spending in the Museum and not just viewing the exhibits but requesting research.

New Business:

- **Work on Strategic Plan:** Todd said we are five months "in" after the workshop and finalization of our strategic plan so we should review where we are to date.

- The first strategy is to utilize all spaces but we do need more space. Tammy said the signs don't seem to be working. Accessibility of visitor and exhibit spaces is the second strategy and we have made funding applications for this/washroom/stairs etc. to see if we can make inroads in this area. The estimated cost for these building renos is \$47,920. Next is to create a variety of spaces to increase showcasing articles. This connects to the Grain elevator site and we have not heard anything for some time on this issue. We can reach out to CBT again. Tammy to follow up. The next strategy is to ensure the viability of the Museum long term - this would be through a paid workforce for an Executive Director and a Curatorial position. We are now using a virtual bulletin board, but It's still not being used much, just for short term things. There is still work to be done here. Consistent funding is another strategy and Tammy has been doing a fantastic job on this. We are also working towards a succession plan through the increased funding request for staffing and the utilization of existing staff for projects. It is piece meal right now but small bits do add up. Next strategy is a robust digital experience. Orientation on the website was done and is ongoing and funding has been applied for. A data clean up is ongoing. Zotero Todd says is an online reference management program it's free and tied into other programs. It creates all your references for you. Todd to talk to Tammy about it following the meeting. Catalog is what we are using now. Another strategy is having the Museum become a Community Hub. With the Carr Building project we could be poised to have all kinds of different events occur here in the next few years. Currently the Seniors hall use and the Brown Bag lunches are allowing the Museum to be a social place. Finally the strategy around the Museum access is still an issue. Tammy said they did have a bike rack installed. But having a pedestrian access across the highway or a bus stop at the mall would improve access to the Museum greatly.
- **Small projects for 2026:** Todd said there is funding available for Remembrance day projects. The Legion has to give away a percentage of their funds raised so we might leverage this. We could have volunteers doing small projects as opposed to the staff. Some of these projects could

be done over a number of years. Gillian motioned to form a planning committee to discuss the possibility and viability of tackling some ideas for projects. Vicky Seconded. Carried Unanimous. Since Ashly should be involved in this committee Tammy recommends that any meeting be held during her working hours. Gillian will take a look at dates in the new year and connect with everyone.

ROUND THE ROOM

- **Tammy on holidays the 20th to the 6th of January.**

Brenda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:20.

Next Meeting January 13, 2026 - *Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas All!*