

Creston and District Historical and Museum Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 13, 2026 - Carr Building



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

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

Regrets: Ron

Chair Len called the meeting to order at 8:58

Acceptance of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2025:

Todd added the Creston Valley Services Committee December Meeting, under New Business. Brenda motioned to accept the amended Agenda and Meeting minutes from December 9, Jim seconded, Carried Unanimous.

Old Business:

- **Financial Report:** Tammy said nothing was out of the ordinary other than the payments to the credit cards from the model T work, which caused some sorting out for Tammy. This is the second year Tammy has been using SAGE. The year end all looks good and Tammy is ready to send the information over to Lenka for review. Our term deposit of \$135,000 matured on January 2 and it will be automatically moved into our chequing account, of which the balance as of December was \$53,000.
- **Notice of Civil Claim:** Tammy said nothing has been communicated to the group since our legal response was sent. We are hoping this might be a

positive situation in terms of dropping the case by the plaintiff - Luke Kurata.

- **Windows and Doors:** Tammy will visit Jason's business and take some pictures of the windows and doors and get them online for sale.

Manager's Report: Tammy said there was not much new to report as she has only been back to work for a week, The last of the summer student grants has been submitted and she is keeping tabs on the deadlines. She is also working on the Cold War Civil Defense project and working with the Town on this for the Exhibit. It will be in the Medical room at the Museum when completed. She also received an email from Lower Kootenay Band Administration/Council. They want to schedule a conversation with her about how the historic development of dyke building in the valley had a negative impact on the Yaquan Nukiy way of life. She will meet them at 21st at 9am. The outcome of this conversation would be a strategy in order to adjust the narrative on what transpired historically, ie it was good for the farmers but not the Indigenous people.

Firesmart: Jim ascertained that the Firesmart Program does not do grants for public buildings. This is in reference to the roof of the Carr Building that requires replacing. We could ask CBT for assistance or the Credit Union as they will be receiving a large amount of money for funding for the community. The Credit Union will hold a public forum and groups can submit proposals for one of three \$25,000 grants. The Credit Union Board will determine who will be the top three winning entries. each of three of the top groups, each receiving \$25,000. Jim also did get a quote from one roofer at just over \$12,000 and is currently waiting for a second.

New Business:

- **Small Projects Planning Meeting:** Gillian said she would like to arrange a meeting to talk about what projects we are going to look at or the upcoming year, put them on a calendar and identify the people that will be managing each of these projects along with time frames for completion. Ashley Frederick will also be invited as she will be involved in some of these

projects. This will be a working session for part of a day with lunch being brought in. It was agreed that Thursday January 22 from 11:30 to 3:00 will be booked in the Carr building for this meeting.

- **Manager's Performance Review:** Brenda said that Tammy has not had a review for several years. She handed out an example of a Performance Review Template and indicated that the Board could do a review in any number of ways they choose. The idea is that it is not something that is done to Tammy but rather it is a collaborative discussion by both parties. The Board agreed that Brenda will lead this along with Vicky. She will re-write the template and include some questions for Tammy about the Board and send it out electronically. If everyone can provide feedback to Brenda and Vicky they can begin to prepare a narrative.
- **Creston Valley Services Meeting:** Todd said that Kelly Vandenberg indicated to he and Tammy following their presentation in November, that they would revisit their presentation for approval of the increase of \$35,00 for the wages for the Museum staff. However Todd noted that this was not on the Agenda for their December meeting so he suggests this be followed up. Tammy will contact the group.

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- Todd said we should think about what kind of things we do at the Museum that would draw a person to the Museum. Those ideas could be discussed at the planning session.
- Jim said that on Friday someone will be coming on site from the Ridgeline Roofing Company to do some measuring for a quote.
- Gillian said she will begin prepping for the upcoming small projects planning meeting on Thursday January 22.

Brenda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:00.

Next Meeting February 10, 2026