

## Creston and District Historical and Museum Society

### Meeting Minutes

***Tuesday March 10, 2026 - Carr Building***

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

**Present:** Todd (Treas.), Tammy, Gillian, Jim, Brenda (Rec. Sec.)

**Regrets:** Ron, Len, Vicky

**Brenda called the meeting order at 8:59AM.**

**Review and Acceptance of Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2026:** Jim motioned to accept the agenda and meeting minutes, Todd seconded. Carried Unanimously.

#### Old Business:

- **Financial Report:** Todd said it looks good on the revenue side due to the Grant we just received in the amount of \$48,000 from CBT and an additional \$5,000 from the Credit Union. The expenses have been lower than expected as there was no snow removal and heating cost was less. The evaluation of the building for insurance purposes was done in 2021 and was low. This year the premium was \$12,500 approximately and that was lower than last year by a couple of hundred dollars.
- **Review and Update of Planning Meeting Document:** Gillian reviewed the next three months of activities and goals and updated the following:
  - 1. Brenda asks the Board members who have not responded to the final document for Tammy's review to do so as soon as possible.
  - 2. An ad was placed in the Advance for interest in the bathroom renovation but did not result in much interest and to date we only have Pete Banman's quote and it has not increased for the washroom Upgrade. The Board determined the due diligence has been exercised as all other contractors were contacted, advertising was done on facebook, word of mouth and

finally a newspaper ad was placed. **Jim motioned to award Pete Banman the washroom renovation. Gillian seconded. Carried Unanimously.**

- 3. Tammy is attempting to liquidate 35 days of accumulated overtime with her upcoming holidays. This time is not on the books so it's a liability for the Board to be cognizant of when budget planning.
- 4. Jim spoke to Phil Edwards about the Carr building roof replacement and that we are waiting for funding approval. Phil advised there may be an increase in the quote by June as likely there will be a cost increase in materials. Jim will obtain a quote again prior to the work being done.
- 5. Budget preparation - Tammy to begin shortly.
- 6. Todd bought a 360 degree camera to make virtual tours. He is working with Ashley on this.
- 7. Stairs and wheelchair ramp with railings. Len got two quotes from 3D concrete \$12,646, and Vertex concrete at \$6,279 for ramps (two) and a railing for each \$4,998. We still need a clarification with 3D on the cost of the railings and need to ask Vertex about the cost of the railings as this is high. Todd can check with a Surrey company about ordering railings which might be cheaper although the Board would like to deal with local people. **Gillian motioned to hire Vertex to do the concrete steps. Jim seconded, Carried Unanimously.** The Board determined that the railings will be dealt with as a separate issue and a check will be made at Comfort welding to ascertain a cost of this.
- **Sale of Windows and Doors:** Advertising has failed to yield a buyer to these items will be in the garage sale in April.

### **Manager's Report:**

Tammy continues to maintain a relationship with the Yaquan Nukiy and recently received a beaded jacket last year from a member of the band. Tammy reached out to the band and sent pictures of the jacket and they asked for it for their display at the band building. The newspaper digitization continues and the UBC library will be sent the microfilm. The cost will be about \$5,700 hundred and they will send an invoice later. This is cost is only for half the work, and the grant was

for half the work. Tammy will prepare a fundraising page on social media and will promote this activity to raise the other half of the funds required. She said Jarrett has done a great job on cleaning up the Museum property, everything looks good. Tammy is now receiving applications for summer students, but she won't start interviewing until the funding is received. Two new volunteers started recently which was very welcome. Tammy said there is now early bird registration for the BC Museum Associations yearly conference. **Jim motioned to approved the expenditure to send Tammy to the conference, Todd seconded. Carried Unanimously.** Finally Lenka is working on the compilation of the financials and is nearly completed them.

### **New Business:**

- **AGM/Update:** The meeting will be held at the Museum and Tammy will deliver a brown bag lunch presentation. We need to form a nominating committee and we want to also recognize our volunteers during this meeting. Brenda will prepare what normally would be the President's report and the this document will be presented from the entire Board to the membership. Brenda will also contact Ron to ascertain what his plans are moving forward. Tammy will check the records to see which Board members terms are up this year and which run until next year.
- **Historical Site Preservation:** Todd said that the Museum's main mandate is to preserve history so fire preparedness is essential. He suggested that some of the important, invaluable items could be stored in the vault. They also should be flagged within their appropriate bins to secure quickly in the event they need to be removed. Tammy will continue to identify important items that need to be flagged for vault storage and ensure a list of these is maintained. In addition several books are important and could be placed in the vault now. But these books could also be digitally stored. History of the valley through books is critical information to preserve. So are historic sites. Currently only the Creston Town hall and the Grain elevator are designated as historic. Apparently anyone can register for a historic place or building you just need to complete the paperwork and reasoning. Todd

suggests the Goat River Landing and the dam built on this should be recognized as a historic place.

**\*ROUND THE ROOM\***

- Gillian said that the Public Library now is only open 4 days per week as they cannot afford to keep it open on Friday. They are seeking donations in the amount of \$2,000 per day to keep it open. This should be a lesson for the Museum as we don't want to find ourselves in the same position in particular if Grants become harder to come by.
- Todd said that everyday people are making Utube history videos and profiting from them. This might be something we could do, or the students could put together to promote the Museum. Once you get past a certain number of hits (around 1,500), you receive an income. Todd will send out a link with one of the videos for the Board's review.
- Tammy said that Ashley and Brenda are doing Trivia Night at the Wild North.

**Gillian motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:14.**

**Next Meeting April 14, 2026.**