

**SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:**

- **First Friday**  
May 2, June 6
- **Volunteer Fair**  
May 3, 1-3pm
- **Open Saturdays**  
starting May Long  
Weekend
- **OMS AGM**  
May 24, 3-5pm

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# Quarter One 2025

Hello!

There has been so much going on at the Museum that I think my original plan of one newsletter per season has been thrown out the window!

In this edition you will find our Quarter One report. This is a new initiative and gives you an overview of where we're at and the progress we're making. As I've said before, as a Society we should be very proud of what we have accomplished. Over the last month I have had staff from two other small town museums visit and they are incredibly impressed with our 'small town' museum. In addition, numerous visitors express their delight that the Osoyoos Muse-

um is not the typical small town museum tucked away in an outdated building all but forgotten. Past and Present OMS Board members and volunteers have worked tirelessly on our behalf to get to this point and continue to move the Museum forward.

Throughout the summer months the Museum will be participating in the First Friday event, held every 'First Friday' of the month (May 2!) from 4-7pm. Come enjoy a glass of wine and then take a walk along Main Street and visit our local art galleries as well.

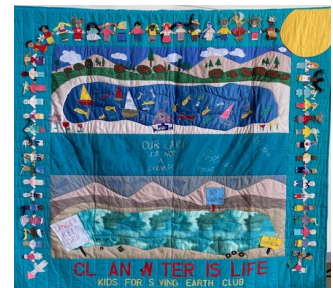
We also have plans to celebrate YOU, our members and supporters, as well as Cherry Fiesta on

July 1, and of course we'll be doing some fundraising as well.

On page 2 you'll find a short article on Museum donations. Artifact and archival pieces, and financial contributions are the obvious ways to support the museum. However, there are a number of ways you can contribute to the on a smaller scale and make a big impact.

Enjoy the Sunshine!

-Kara



Environmental Kids Club Quilt, 1993

## For OMS Members....

The Osoyoos Museum Society (OMS) AGM is scheduled for Saturday, May 24, 3pm at the Museum, 8702 Main Street.

Please watch your inbox for the information package being sent out the first week of May. If you are unsure if your membership

is up-to-date, please contact the office at 250.495.2582 or [info@osoyoosmuseum.ca](mailto:info@osoyoosmuseum.ca).

The OMS Board of Directors is busy planning a Membership and Supporters Appreciation Evening. Please mark your calendar for Friday, June 20 and

plan to join the OMS Board and staff for a social evening at the Museum. This is a great opportunity to learn more about what is going on at the museum while enjoying some appetizers and local wine. Invitations will be sent in May.

# National Volunteer Week



**OSOYOOS VOLUNTEER FAIR**  
& hot dog bbq

1-3pm  
**SATURDAY**  
May 3, 2025  
Osoyoos Museum  
8702 Main St.

Want to volunteer in our community?  
Looking for an organization that suits you?  
Come to the Osoyoos Volunteer Fair. A  
variety of local volunteer groups will have  
information about how you can help.  
For more information call 250.495.2582  
Photo credit to Neil Boucquart and Janine Salmond

April 27-May 3 is National Volunteer Week. Visit the Osoyoos Volunteer Fair at the Museum on Saturday, May 3, 1-3pm to learn more about local volunteer opportunities.

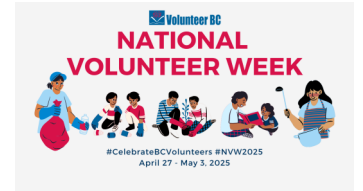
Many events and activities in Osoyoos are organized and put on by non-profits and volunteer groups in Osoyoos. These groups are always looking for new volunteers. The Volunteer Fair will give you an opportunity to speak with representatives from 12 local

groups and get information on what they do in our community and how you can help.

Stop by to learn more, enjoy a free hot dog/chips/water (donated by Nesters and Emergency Support Services) and sign up!

At the Museum we are always looking for people to join our team. OMS Board of Directors are volunteers as are our committee members. We have regular front desk volunteers

to greet and assist visitors. If you don't feel you can commit to a regular shift or meetings, we also have one-time opportunities available to help with fundraising events, cleaning, gardening...the list goes on.



## We're hiring!

The Museum has been approved for a grant to hire 1 or 2 students through the Young Canada Works Program.

While it has been a number of years since we have had a summer student, this program is vital to the operation of the museum. Students will be paid \$18.00/hour, and work 35 hours/week for 12

weeks. Students must be registered with Young Canada Works, be between the ages of 16 and 30, and be returning to full time studies in September.

This year the student(s) will be working on a variety of tasks including archival digitization, collections database, research, and creating displays.

They will also assist with summer events, and the day-to-day operation of the museum.

If you know a student that would be interested, please have them contact Executive Director Kara Burton at the museum via email [info@osoyoosmuseum.ca](mailto:info@osoyoosmuseum.ca) or phone 250.495.2582.

## Museum Donations

There are a number of different ways you can donate to support the Museum.

**Financial donations** are always appreciated. Beyond paying the bills (!) this support allows the Museum to have no set admission fee for visitors as well as continue to offer select events and activities at no charge.

**Artifact and archival donations**—the items you see on display are donated. Unfortunately, we cannot accept everything, if you have an item you would like to donate please contact the museum, we specifically look for items that have a strong connection to Osoyoos.

**Time**—shameless plug for volunteers! (please see above)

**Bottles!** Yes! you can take your bottles to the Returnit kiosk account #4952582.

**AND** did you know we also accept donations of new handmade items that can be sold in the Museum gift shop? We have a few dedicated people that knit, sew, or make items that we then resell, auction, or raffle off to raise money for the Museum.



# Osoyoos & District Museum and Archives

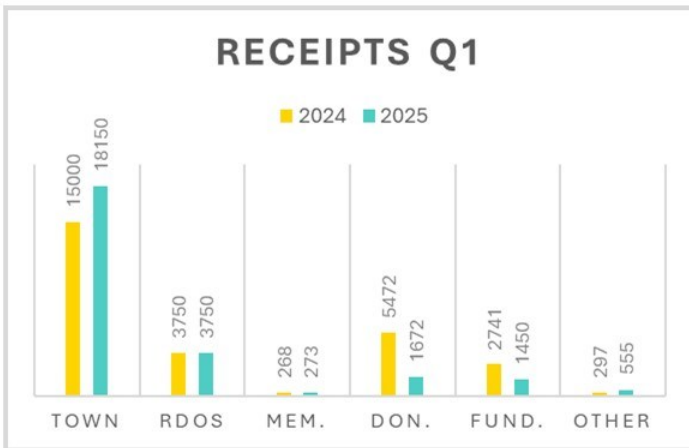
Quarterly Report—January 1-March 31, 2025

The Osoyoos Museum Society (OMS) is a volunteer run organization established in 1963 with the express purpose of collecting, protecting, and providing access to the artifacts and information regarding the history of the Osoyoos area.

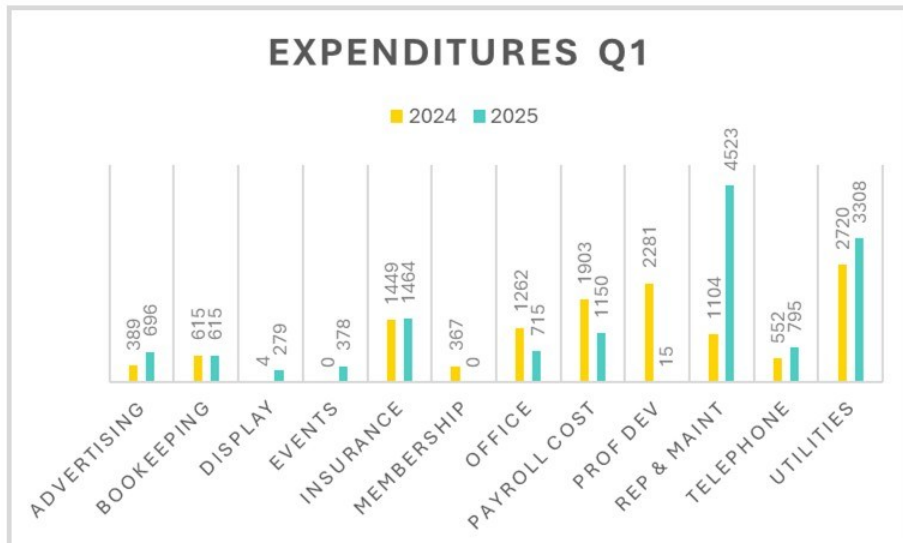
Quarter 1 (Q1) has been positive for the OMS and the Osoyoos & District Museum

and Archives (Museum). The OMS Board of Directors completed strategic planning sessions and set two priorities for the remainder of 2025 and 2026. Priority 1: Working to achieve financial stability for the OMS. Priority 2: Develop a succession plan for Board and staff. To accomplish these priorities the Board has identified goals, strategies and milestones that will be monitored at regular Board meetings.

In addition, during Q1 the Museum hosted one workshop, had 10 rental bookings for the Multipurpose Room, hosted Trivia Night, participated in 2 'First Friday' events, displayed archival photos at Backroads Brewery and received a grant from the Town of Osoyoos to refinish the interpretive signs. Board Members and staff have also attended various community events.



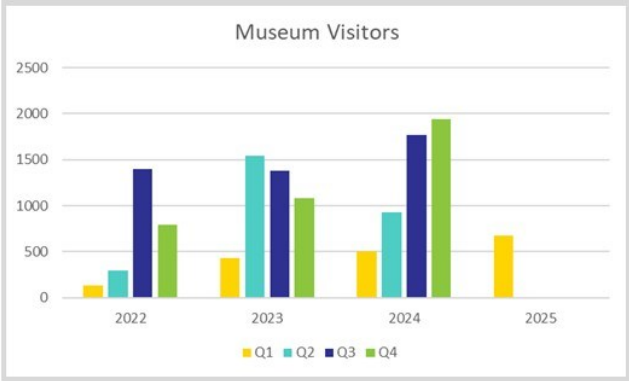
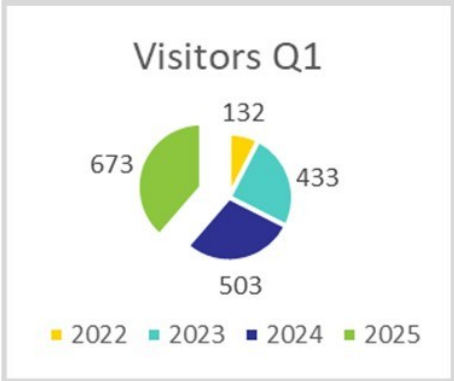
Receipts in Quarter 1 are much the same as 2024. The increase in the Town of Osoyoos funds reflect the project grant received to refinish the interpretive signs throughout town. In Q1 2024 the Museum received a significant single donation which is responsible for the 2024 donation increase.



While there are slight increases and decreases in every category, Repairs & Maintenance has seen the largest change in Q1 2025, due to a furnace repair. Payroll costs and wages (not pictured) have seen significant decreases as we currently have one employee as opposed to two in Q1 2024.

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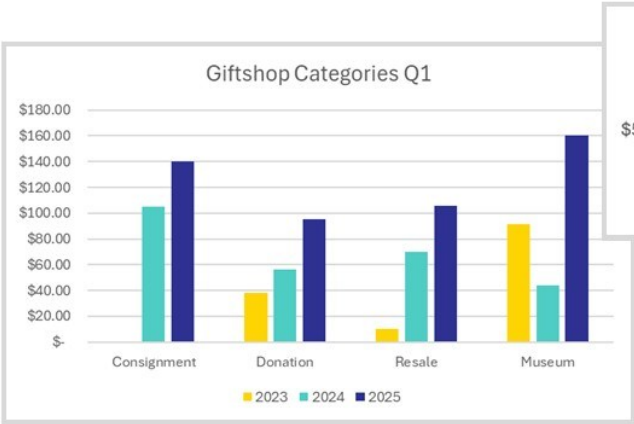
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The Museum continues to see increased visitor numbers. These numbers include museum, event and rental visitors.



OMS Membership sales are not broken down into the number of memberships sold per quarter, it is based on annual totals. When tracking membership we count the number of voting members, 'Individual' is 1 voting member, 'Family' has 2 voting members. In comparing past financial statements, this category is on track for Q1, Q2 is when we typically see the most memberships purchased. To date in Q1 we have surpassed the total number of Individual Memberships sold in 2024.



We are seeing a steady increase in total sales in the Museum giftshop. Items for sale are primarily local artisan products, the majority of which are on consignment. In addition to consignment sales, there are items that are donated for sale, items that are purchased and re-sold, and items the Museum produces to sell.