

The PMIS statement in question was written for a museum collections funding source, and that aspect of museum work was the only focus. The audience for the proposal understood that. This statement did not address the role of the Trust, then or in future.

As I stated in my earlier email, the NPS is the lead for curation for the partners of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve, and at the request of the City we were fulfilling that role for the collections of Pearson Air Museum. The funding was awarded, and resulted in the inventory and assessment I noted. At the time, in our discussions with the City, the leading idea was to transfer ownership of collections in storage to the NPS, as has been done with other partner collections from the Historic Reserve, but unfortunately that ended up not happening because so much of the collection lacked ownership/title documentation from previous operators of Pearson Air Museum and we would not have been able to accept it. At the time we finished the assessment, we made the Trust and the City aware of the documentation issues and left the resolution to them.