



Riverdale Community Development Corporation

MINUTES: Meeting April 13, 2026

A meeting of the Riverdale CDC was held at the Riverdale Municipality Office on April 13, 2026.

Present: Donna Morken, Dave Creighton, Roger Lepp, Lesley Creighton, Kelvin Lamb

Guest: Mayor Lamb

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by David Creighton

2. Adoption of the Agenda

K. Lamb – R. Lepp: Moved to adopt agenda as presented.

3. Minutes from Previous Meetings – March 2026

D. Morken – K. Lamb: Moved that the minutes for March 2026 be adopted as presented.

4. Financial Reports – March 2026

K. Lamb – R. Lepp: Moved that the financial statement for March 2026 be adopted as presented.

5. Expenses payable

D. Morken – K. Lamb: Moved the following payments be issued:

- Lesley Creighton - \$350.00 April
- HTFC \$1,391.25 (Inv. 25073-1)

6. New Business

a) Grants:

- RACF - Thomas Sill – we were successful in our application and have received \$5000.00 toward the purchase of a dock for the Wetland.
- BACF – Thomas Sill – we received a letter stating we were not successful on our grant application.
- ACU Inspire – Donna applied requesting funds to continue bricking along 2nd Avenue, and for upgrades to the pocket parks. No news as of yet.
- Sunrise Credit Union – the board decided to not apply for this grant.
- Fish & Wildlife Enhancement Fund – the CDC will not apply as the Rivers & Area Fish & Game are applying.
- Red River Mutual – due May 31st. Donna will apply for streetscaping projects – bricking and pocket parks.
- FCC AgriSpirit Fund – There are two grant opportunities: The AgriSpirit Fund (open April 15-May 15), and the FCC Community Funding which is open year-long. Donna will check to see if the pocket park streetscaping project fits the scope of the grant application.

b) Wetland Project:

- Conservation Trust Interim Report – we can charge \$25/hour for In Kind work. Donna and Lesley will calculate hours.
- Docks – we will use our RACF Thomas Sill money to purchase a dock. We will hopefully get the second installment from the Conservation Trust Grant soon so we can proceed with ordering 2 docks as planned (one for north side and one for south side of wetland).
- Pedestal table should arrive in May. The dual Bear Proof Bin is still being manufactured; no shipping date as of yet.
- Windmill – tabled

- Signage – Donna will get Off the Wall Signs to install the large wetland sign by the parking lot. Other signage may be possible through the Train Station Committee if they receive the grant through From the Ground Up.
- c) LED Sign – As of March. 27th, Dave was told by Cardinal Signs that it could be 2-3 weeks before they could get a technician out to see what parts were needed for the sign.
- d) Community Futures Grant & Sandcastle Contest:
 - Lesley will check prices through U-Line and Blue Imp. for a round or square picnic table that will be ordered and gifted to the Provincial Park.
 - Lesley will submit the park permit application and email Marci to request that the Provincial Park be added to the Municipality's insurance for the day of the Sandcastle Contest.
 - The board decided on 3 categories for this year's sandcastle contest: Child – 10 & under; Youth – 11-18; and Family. Lesley will make up a judging sheet with the categories Creativity, Artistry, Structure, Spirit with a rating scale of 1-5. Lesley will share the registration sheet online along with the advertisement.
 - Prizes – we will once again reach out to Super Thrifty for help in putting together prize packages, and ask CJ's to donate ice cream gift cards and mini golf passes to add to the prize packages.
- e) Business Front Beautification/Streetscaping – the planters have arrived. Dave will ask Marci if someone from CDC can meet with her and public works to discuss placement of the planters.
- f) Marketing/Tourism:
 - Community Map – HTFC made the changes we requested, but we need to check on a couple of items
- g) Development Incentive:
 - Roger shared the draft his letter to explain his development idea. He will forward this letter to Dave and Lesley and Dave will have Marci add it to the next meeting agenda.

7. Board Member Reports

- a) Daycare Update – Donna
 - The daycare has a 2nd draft of a floorplan, Donna suggested that they add a fence to the plan.
 - It was announced in the provincial budget that Premier Kinew is developing 2000 more spaces; but we are unsure of what that means for us.
 - Donna will invite Hayli Turner, president of the new board working Co-operatives First, to see if she and other board members would like to attend our June meeting.

Other:

Donna shared the following information:

- The Rivers Golf Club would like to work with the RACF on a few projects including a pump shack, Heating and AC in the club, and irrigation (to be completed in stages).
- Little Obie – no update yet as of possible date
- Dr. Wayne Kelly messaged Donna to say that Catherine Newhook, a manager from The Shorefast – Institute for Place-Based Economies reached out to him. They have no contacts in Manitoba. There may be an opportunity for the Train Station Committee to work with them.
- Curling Club – at the next meeting on April 22, the club will be dispersing funds raised from RME Women of the Rings to various community groups.
- Legion Ladies – there are ten more banners on order that should be done by the end of May.
- RACF will help with the Sandcastle Contest.
- With the high cost of gas, people may be sticking closer to home. Can we work with the Provincial Park to help improve the water quality at the beach? Donna will invite Rob Clarke out to our next meeting, and Roger will see if Sam would like to join on behalf of Friends of Rivers Lake.
- Is there a green space on 7th Ave (south side)? If so, could we plant trees there?

Adjournment: D. Creighton 9:00 pm

K. Lamb - Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 11th, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Monday, June 15th @ 7:00 PM