



Riverdale Community Development Corporation

MINUTES: Meeting August 13, 2024

A meeting of the Riverdale CDC was held at the Riverdale Municipality Office on August 13, 2024.

Present: Donna Morken, Dave Creighton, Lesley Creighton

Regrets: Ken Tait; Scott Peters

Guests: Mayor Lamb

As we did not have enough members to meet quorum, the following items were discussed.

- A) LED Sign
 - a. Lesley will put in a request to Marci to have the LED Sign Advertising Request form added to its own tab on the Municipality Website and another link added on the CDC page.
- B) From the Ground Up – no updates
- C) Vice Chair appointment – tabled until next meeting
- D) Provincial Park – Dave brought up that a few years back council was approached by the province about the possibility of the municipality taking over the park. He wondered if this might be something worth looking into. A discussion took place, but we are not proceeding.
- E) Chamber BBQ – this is happening but the CDC will not have an event that day.
- F) Website: Reviewed and discussed ideas from Donna. We will need to make a decision as to what we want changed on the CDC page on the municipality website.
- G) Beautification Bylaw: The second and third readings should be completed at the next council meeting.
- H) Residential/Community Properties: We reviewed the list of properties that may be available. We will finish up the east side of town, and share the list with the municipal office.
- I) Rivers and Area Telephone Directory – completed and recommend that it be posted on the Municipality Website
- J) McCain & Heritage Co-op Fry Day: Look into partnership for next year (early July) and have Rivers as one of the locations for the fry and hash brown purchases locations. Lesley will check with Scott to see if he was able to reach out to Paul Adriaansen of Spud Plain Farms to see if they project having extra potatoes for the fall again as they did last year. We would still like to pursue a possible fundraiser for the fire truck for this fall.
- K) Streetscaping Plan – if everyone can review the plan again and choose what they'd like to see as top priorities we will further discuss at the next meeting.

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- a) Age Friendly Community – tabled
- b) Marketing & Strategic Plan – We will apply for grants to fund this. The municipality plan should be ready soon and we can look at aligning our plan to theirs.
- c) Grant Updates:
 - From the Ground Up – no update
 - Heritage Grant – no update
- d) Other:
 - Train Station – looking at “twinning” with community in Japan that also made the Sekine bicycles (not twinning the town/municipality, but just the train station). The foundation is meeting with Dan Mazier when he is in Rivers on August 28.
 - Handivan – Donna sent an e-mail to Dan Mazier's assistant to see if there has been any announcement on the application – is it still open? Is there another call?

- Wetland's Center of Excellence – the signs need to be replaced. Donna will send in a letter of intent from the Rivers and Area Community Foundation to the Conversation Trust and the Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund.
- Discussed the idea of doing an Ice Cream Trail in conjunction with other communities in the surrounding area. (Similar to the Perogy Trail)
- Haunted Forest – advertise for them on the LED sign
- Donna shared the concept of a Mental Health Park that she saw was built in Calgary.
- RELC – Donna attended a meeting to show support and help with grants.
- Discussed what Moosomin is doing with offering \$30,000 if you build a house in Moosomin. Dave will share this idea with council. We will further look into the Government of Canada Federal Housing Accelerator Fund and the possibility of applying for a grant. (As of now applications are only open to previous applicants who weren't approved).