



Riverdale Community Development Corporation

MINUTES: Meeting December 16, 2024

A meeting of the Riverdale CDC was held at the Riverdale Municipality Office on December 16th, 2024.

Present: Donna Morken, Dave Creighton, Lesley Creighton; Phone In: Kelvin Lamb

Guests: Roger Lepp

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Dave Creighton.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

D. Morken – K. Lamb: Moved that the agenda be adopted as presented.

3. **Minutes from Previous Meeting – November 2024**

K. Lamb – D. Morken: Moved that the minutes for November 2024 be adopted with the following change made to item 7. b) “the Manitoba Heritage Trust (part of the Conservation Trust)” to “the Manitoba Trusts”

4. **Financial Reports – November 2024**

D. Morken – K. Lamb: Moved that the financial statement for November 2024 be adopted as presented.

5. **Expenses payable**

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

Lesley Creighton \$350 (December)

6. **New Business**

- a) Craig Soldier – Economic Advisor, RMED – Craig will attend our January 20th meeting.
- b) Dr. Wayne Kelly and Dr. Gary McNeely – Donna will reschedule a new date for both to come out and speak to the CDC.
- c) From the Ground Up / Manitoba GRO grant – no options for CDC to apply as of this time
- d) LED Sign Update – Lesley will change the request form to take out the donation line and move the \$1000 yearly advertising fee to the business section. Lesley will talk to Marci about receiving payments for the LED sign and if she would like the CDC to keep the money in a separate account or have the municipality keep the money in a separate account (for future repairs/updates to the LED sign). To reach business owners and possibly out of town businesses, we will advertise through social media and put an ad in the Rivers Banner. Lesley will make up an “Advertise Here” ad for the LED sign and share with the board before posting it.
- e) CDC Audit Update – Lesley will reach out to Marci to see if she has heard anything back from the auditors.
- f) Residential/Commercial Properties – Lesley will forward the list to Marci and see how she wants to proceed.
- g) Next Large Project for CDC for 2025 – Dave would like us to put some thought into what we would like to work on next. He shared information on a couple of playground companies that he spoke to at the AMM. Play Quest (Shane Wallace) will write grants

on behalf of their customers to help reach fundraising goals. Dave will reach out to the company and get references. Donna said we should speak to Kris Doull, Community Development Branch first as he is knowledgeable in this area.

- h) Resurfacing Tennis Court – also speak to Kris Doull for recommendations. Donna will reach out to Chris.
- i) Streetscaping Plan – Signage – Donna reached out to Rob at Off the Wall. We will wait to see what he comes back with then present to council.
- j) Signage – River Rams Football Team Heritage Sign – Donna spoke to Jason at Cardinal Signs. Donna will write up a letter to forward on to Council about this project.

7. Board Member Reports

- a) Age Friendly Community – Lesley will get information to Marci to present to Council to see if they are interested in proceeding.
- b) AMM Report – playground equipment grant possibilities as noted above.
- c) Council Update – 7th Ave Lots Promotion – Dave shared Council's plan to try and get builders to build spec homes on 7th ave. One option being considered is the builder would get the lot and the price of the lot would be due when the home sells.
- d) Grant Application Updates – Manitoba Wildlife Enforcement Fund – Fish and Game have put in a grant request for internet, fob security, cameras, and cement pads. Donna submitted a grant application to The Manitoba Conservation Trusts for \$10,000 to upgrade the Wetland Centre of Excellence. We will need to match the funds – apply for grants through the Brandon and Area Community Foundation and Rivers and Area Community Foundations \$4000, and \$6000 In Kind Work from the Municipality. Donna will write a letter to Council to request trees that they get through Watershed.
- e) Daycare Update – Received a letter from Grant Jackson where he talked about 3 other communities recently opening daycares and Donna shared the letter with council. Marci sent Signe Hanson – Executive Director, Capital and Space Expansion Branch – Early Learning and Childcare and she said it would be good to set up an in person meeting. In the meantime, the Daycare board is continuing to fundraise. Council agreed to support and help with the daycare.
- f) Japan City Twinning Project – Donna to talk to Dr. Wayne Kelly and Ray Silvius. Council wants to know if there is any financial commitment. The purpose of the project is to share information and keep history alive. Dave will bring it up again at the next council meeting.
- g) Municipality Strategic Plan – The municipality is meeting again on January 22nd with the contractor to go over the plan and finalize some items.
- h) Other – With possible Daycare opening, do we need another nurse practitioner? The CDC brought one in the last time. Donna can talk to Greg Paddock about it. Accommodations – we need something.

Adjournment

D. Creighton – 8:45 pm

K. Lamb - D. Morken: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting Dates: Monday, January 20th, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 19th, 7:00 pm

Monday, March 17th, 7:00 pm, or call of the chair