



Riverdale Community Development Corporation

MINUTES: Meeting February 9, 2026

A meeting of the Riverdale CDC was held at the Riverdale Municipality Office on February 9, 2026.

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Donna Morken

2. Adoption of the Agenda

R. Lepp - K. Lamb Moved to adopt agenda with the addition to add point h) under New Business: Development Incentives update.

3. Minutes from Previous Meetings – January 2026

K. Lamb – R. Lepp: Moved that the minutes for January 2026 be adopted with the addition of “and Indigenous aspects” at the end of point 6 a) From the Ground Up Grant information.

4. Financial Reports – January 2026

K. Lamb – R. Lepp: Moved that the financial statement for January 2026 be adopted as presented. Lesley reviewed the financial and remaining budget for the wetland project.

5. Expenses payable

K. Lamb – R. Lamb: Moved the following payments be issued:

- Lesley Creighton - \$350.00 February
- Recycle Everywhere (Dual Bear Proof Bin) – \$2073.12

6. New Business

a) Report to Council – The CDC reviewed accomplishments from 2025, and went over the budget and plans for 2026. Lesley and Dave will write a report and forward it to council for their information.

b) Community on Track Update – Lesley shared information from the January 27th Community on Track meeting. The information included plans for the upcoming Rolling into Rivers event for the first weekend of July. The CDC will once again host a Sandcastle contest, but will switch the time to 1:30pm to coincide with the Paddle Derby already scheduled for that afternoon.

- During this time we also wondered about the feasibility of having a Wibit (modular inflatable obstacle course) at the Rivers Provincial Park.
- Donna shared that the Train Station committee has applied to host Little Obie again.

c) Grants:

- RACF - Thomas Sill – Roger will get a quote for a new windmill for the wetlands. Lesley will apply for a windmill and new dock.
- Community Futures – Due March 2nd Donna will apply for funds towards prizes for the Sandcastle Contest as well as a picnic table for the west side day spot at the Rivers Provincial Park.
- BACF – due Feb. 23rd – Lesley will also apply to BACF for 2 new docks and the windmill.
- Westoba Inspire – no news on grant opening date.
- Fish & Wildlife – We will apply for funding for either new docks or repairing the wood on the existing docks at the Wetland. Intake is usually April/May with a deadline in June.
- Green Municipal Fund/Accessibility Grant – Table for now, but could be a possible source of funds for future expansion of the trail system or for marking trails.
- From the Ground Up – The Rivers Train Station Restoration Committee is working with RDI to apply for this grant.

- Red River Mutual – grant applications due by May 31st. Could apply for business front Streetscaping funding, upgrades to pocket parks, or continuation of brick planters along 2nd Ave. business corridor.
 - FCC AgriSpirit Fund – applications will open in the spring. Can apply for \$10,000 to \$25,000 for community projects.
 - CO-OP Communities in Full Colour – donating CO-OP Imagine Paint to projects in communities.
- d) Wetland Project:
- Conservation Trust Grant – Donna will check when the next grant installment is coming out.
 - Next steps are to apply for grants for funding to match the amount we received from Conservation Trust.
 - Portable Toilet – C&C Rentals cost is \$75/month. There is a \$100 delivery fee. It is \$55 for each servicing plus \$100 travel fee. In the winter they will swap units rather than clean and each time we do that it would be \$75 plus the \$100 travel fee. Lesley will get the price for the company that the elementary school used a couple years ago.
 - Windmill - Donna will reach out to Terry for support on fixing or replacing the windmill. Roger will get a quote on replacement of the existing windmill.
- e) Business Front Beautification/Streetscaping – Lesley shared the cost of the Citadel 36" planter. The CDC decided to go ahead with the order of 4 Citadel 36" and 3 Citadel Tall 30". A motion was made at the last meeting approving the purchase up to \$4000.00. Lesley will check the cost of shipping versus picking up the planters in Winnipeg.
- f) Community Billboard – Lesley shared the costs of ordering an enclosed bulletin board from Grainger. K. Lamb – R. Lepp Motioned to order an enclosed bulletin board with black rubber from Grainger for a cost up to \$1500.00. Lesley will confirm the size to fit the current frame and will check with Marci to see if the municipality can order it through the Canoe Procurement Group to save on GST.
- g) Marketing/Tourism:
- HTFC Map Update – Donna met with Kaili Brown online and gave her updates. Kaili was on Google Maps to see where additions to the current map were needed. She will send up a draft. Adding Taylor Road, Rivers and Area Game and Fish, and future daycare spot.
- h) Development Incentive: Roger spoke with Anita Derksen, who does the municipality's property assessments, about the possibility of having a development tax incentive for home owners who wish to make upgrades to their property. Anita has no issues on her part. She does her assessment and gives it to the municipality. It's up to the municipality what they do with those values. Roger's thoughts are that a homeowner could apply for a permit, make upgrades, and not get taxed on those upgrades for a pre-determined time.
- A policy would be in place to increase permit compliance; for safety and quality; to reduce unpermitted construction; and to support long term housing stability and affordability.
 - Roger and Donna will reach out to Community Futures and RMED to help with wording and for suggestions, then we will present the idea to council for their review and thoughts.

7. Board Member Reports

- a) Daycare Update – Donna: The daycare is working on drawings and then will get their application into Cooperatives First.

Other:

- Is the possibility there of getting the hotel back?
- Is curling our niche?

Adjournment: D. Morken – 9:45 pm R. Lepp Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting Dates: Wednesday, March 11th, 2026 @ 7:00 PM