



Riverdale Community Development Corporation

MINUTES: Meeting January 12, 2026

A meeting of the Riverdale CDC was held at the Riverdale Municipality Office on January 12, 2026.

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

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Roger requested to add point i) Development Incentives under New Business. K. Lamb – R. Lepp Moved to adopt agenda with the above addition.

3. Minutes from Previous Meetings – December 2025

D. Morken – K. Lamb: Moved that the minutes for December 2025 be adopted as presented.

4. Financial Reports – December 2025

R. Lepp - K. Lamb: Moved that the financial statement for December 2025 be adopted as presented. Kelvin shared that he submitted CN Community Volunteer hours and is expecting a cheque from CN Benevity that will be donated to Riverdale CDC for the gross amount of \$442.50.

5. Expenses payable

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

- Lesley Creighton - \$350.00 January
- Recycle Everywhere (Dual Bear Proof Bin) – approved up to \$2500

6. New Business

a) Grants:

- RACF – picnic table for the Wetland has been ordered and paid for and is scheduled to be delivered in May.
- BACF – we will continue to watch for the opening date. If Thomas Sill and BACF open, we will apply for both to use toward the Wetland project.
- Westoba Inspire – watch for grant opening date. Likely March and September.
- 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 – possible source of funds for expanding trail system or for marking trails. Could also possibly apply for an Accessibility Grant for the trail project as well.
- From the Ground Up – Donna spoke with Wayne at RDI. A decision was made to have the Train Station Restoration committee apply for the grant as they can receive 80/20 funding and 20% could include In Kind work from RDI, Riverdale CDC, and the Train Station Restoration committee. The project will include the Sekine bicycle history, heritage, tourism, and Indigenous aspects.

b) Wetland Project:

- Conservation Trust Grant – We cannot use Conservancy grant dollars on the rental fees for a port-a-potty, but we could still use funds received from other grants to have a rental port-a-potty unit installed near the Wetland. Online, C & C rentals show a rental cost of \$75/month (\$900/year) for a port-a-potty. Dave will confirm pricing and see if the price includes cleaning and stocking the port-a-potty as well. Lesley will

- check with Garnet at the elementary school to see where they previously rented the port-a-potty for the Wetlands from.
 - Update from Mike Klassen – RCI: There are no current plans for the shops class to rebuild the boardwalk. The windmill was there to aerate the water, and it looks like it is destroyed. Terry Radcliffe was the staff member that worked with students to install it. Donna will reach out to Terry for support on fixing or replacing the windmill.
 - We viewed and discussed the HTFC Outdoor Classroom plan that was created in 2015.
- c) Business Front Beautification/Streetscaping – We received approval from council to choose either the Citadel or Skyline Desert Equinox Planters. We decided to go with 3 Citadel Tall in black at the cost of \$438.00 plus tax; and 4 Citadel 36" wide – Lesley will call about pricing for that size and confirm cost with board before proceeding.
K. Lamb – R. Lepp: Moved to order 3 Citadel Tall planters in black and 4 Citadel 36" Square planters in black for a total of 7 planters at a maximum cost of up to \$4,000.00.
- d) Community Billboard – Donna will forward the information from Rob Clark about where he has ordered billboard inserts and we will get a quote.
- e) Marketing/Tourism:
 - HTFC Quote – Donna will sign the contract to get the map update started.
- f) Nurse Practitioner Spot in Rivers: no update
- g) Accommodations: Donna shared that accommodations was one of the things that was talked about during the Women of the Rings event. There was a need for accommodations in town.
- h) Community Centre: Donna would like to see a facility manager at RCC.
- i) Development Incentive: Roger shared the idea of providing a tax incentive for property owners who make improvements to their property such as adding a garage or developing their basement. The owner would apply for a permit and have the inspection checks done as usual. Then for a pre-determined number of years, the owner would not have to pay property taxes on increased value of their property. The board though it was worth pursuing for information. Roger will reach out to the municipality tax assessor to see if this has been done before and how a municipality would go about it. Another idea shared was a possible cap on personal property taxes to draw residents to the community.

7. Board Member Reports

- a) Daycare Update: Donna is attending the next meeting tomorrow evening. She shared that the name for the new facility will be Riverdale Childcare Cooperative. They are in the process of getting a floor plan done by architect Dave Hoag from MCM Architects Inc. They will need a parking lot. Cooperatives First training will begin soon. The new center will be licensed for 63 spots. The current wait list includes mostly Rivers residents, with some Rapid City and Oak River as well. Fundraising options are being discussed.
- b) Women of Rings – Donna: The event went well and participants were very happy and felt they were well treated. They enjoyed the VIP lounge where there were healthy food options and a couch and chairs to rest.

Other:

- The Legion Ladies received funding and will be putting up 10 more banners.

Adjournment: D. Creighton – 9:08 pm

R. Lepp – K. Lamb: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting Dates: Monday, February 9th, 2026 @ 7:00 PM