



Riverdale Community Development Corporation

MINUTES: Meeting July 13, 2026

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

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

Guests: Mayor Lamb

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by David Creighton

2. Adoption of the Agenda

D. Morken - K. Lamb: Moved to adopt agenda.

3. Minutes from Previous Meetings – June 2026

K. Lamb – D. Morken: Moved that the minutes for June 2026 be adopted with revision to New Business a) change wording to "accept donations on behalf of the daycare..."

4. Financial Reports – June 2026

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

5. Expenses payable

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

- Lesley Creighton \$381.50 (July and reimburse cost of Special Event Park Permit Fee)
- Super Thrifty \$390.13 – prizes for sandcastle contest
- Tasmanian Gravel \$426.90 – sand for sandcastle contest
- Rivers Home Hardware \$92.90 – concrete and sonotube for wetland table install
- Donna Morken \$152.32 – reimburse for Leech Printing signs

6. New Business

a) Daycare Update: Council met with Tracy Schmidt, MB Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning, to discuss the new daycare initiative. Mayor Heather Lamb shared with the minister that there is a partnership with RRSD (there is no funding with this partnership), and the daycare board is working with Cooperative's First. During the meeting there were discussions as to whether there are any other spaces currently available for the daycare, rather than the need for a new building. The only funding currently available is the 60/40. There are no restrictions for ages, but there is higher funding for infants and preschool spaces. Council questioned whether the donation of the infrastructure and land could be included in the 40% and the minister wasn't sure but would check and get back to council. Minister Schmidt wanted to confirm that the daycare status is non-profit. The minister's office would like to do an assessment of the daycare finances to see if they could qualify for a mortgage and be successful. It was also shared that working with a cooperative is not mandatory. It was shared in the meeting that the Metis Foundation would like to partner with the daycare, and Marci would check to see if the daycare was interested. Council asked if there was funding available to hire someone to lead fundraising and MB Education will check. Danielle has been assigned to us to help with the daycare initiative.

Roger wondered if any community has participated in the 60/40 funding and if so, could we go to them and see how they made it work? Donna wondered if we could get some outside funders and have daycare fundraising match those amounts. Dave will reach out to MP Grant Jackson to see if he can help. Donna will see if BACF knows of any funding options.

b) Clean Water Pro: no update

c) Grants:

- RACF: Dock option from Nor Col – a 5'X10' floating dock is \$2,999. Lesley and Roger will pick a dock option for the wetland and get it ordered. *R. Lepp – K. Lamb Moved to order dock(s) for wetland for a cost up to \$12,000.* Fall intake coming up – we can apply for more than one grant for different projects. Apply for more dock sections and trail signage.
 - Red River – no updates
 - FCC Agrispirit – will apply for pocket parks and bricking
 - MB Trails Grant – due January, funding for trail maintenance
 - Heritage Grant – may want to use for signage. One grant application opens in September.
- d) Wetland Project:
- Docks – will order as noted above
 - Pedestal table is installed. It would be nice to have another one installed on the east side.
 - Signage – apply for grants; get sign in parking lot
 - Other – some mowing and mulching is needed along trail and for easier access to wetland boardwalk.
- e) Sandcastle Contest – event went well. Most entries were family, so it might be best to only have a family category next year and promote it as a family event. Donna has thanked Super Thrifty and CJ's for their donations. Donna doesn't think that there is a final report required for the Community Futures grant, but she will send a thank you letter.
- f) Business Front Beautification/Streetscaping
- Rolling Dale Ent. received funding for updating the building front. They have also added a concrete pad and pergola to the east side of their building.
 - Donna hasn't stained the benches yet as it's been too wet and hot.
 - Donna has tried cleaning commemorative brass plates from benches without much success. She will check with Terri from Universal Engravers to see if she has any suggestions.
 - The Thompson Block 1908 old stone was knocked over.
 - The next round of Legion Banners is completed.
 - Property Cleanup – Do we want to do another Clean for Green?
 - Discussed having a garbage pickup day – residents would need to register and be there to help load items.
 - What can be done about derelict homes in the community that are unsafe?
 - Kelvin and Donna will tour town and see what clean-up has been done and what empty lots there are since the last list was provided to council.
- g) Trails – work on applying for grants for new signage and trail maintenance
- h) Work with Provincial Park – continue to partner
- i) Marketing/Tourism – Reviewed and approved letter requesting photo submissions for community brochure. Lesley will ask the Rivers Banner if they can run an article about the CDC request for community photos. If not, then we will put an ad in the paper asking for photo submissions. *D. Morken – K. Lamb Motion to advertise in the Rivers Banner for a cost up to \$100.*
- j) Development Incentive update – Roger has reached out to Anita to see if she has a sheet that the office could use for the proposed development incentive.
- k) PMH Meeting Date Change – new meeting date is August 5th at 3:00pm, council chambers.

7. Board Member Reports

Donna:

- The Train Station Committee is working very hard to be part of the Canada-Japan Diplomatic Centennial.
- Assiniboine College medical training space will help address some of the Health Care shortages.
- There is a toolkit to help rural communities recruit doctors.
- Boissevain School offers vocational courses in Early Childhood Education.
- RCI is getting a new science lab and updates to the front of the building this summer.

Adjournment: D. Creighton 9:20 pm. D. Morken - Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, August 17th, @ 7:00 PM