



Riverdale Community Development Corporation

MINUTES: Meeting June 15, 2026

A meeting of the Riverdale CDC was held at the Riverdale Municipality Office on June 15, 2026.

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

Guests: Mayor Lamb, Lynn Melvin – Clean Water Pro (by Zoom), Samantha Lepp and Ed MacKay - Friends of Rivers Lake

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

K. Lamb – R. Lepp: Moved to adopt agenda with the amendment to add to Board Member Reports: Shorennet Institute for Placed Based Economies and Via Rail.

3. Minutes from Previous Meetings – May 2026

K. Lamb – R. Lepp: Moved that the minutes for May 2026 be adopted as presented.

4. Financial Reports – May 2026

K. Lamb – D. Creighton: Moved that the financial statement for May 2026 be adopted as presented.

5. Expenses payable

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

- Lesley Creighton \$363.02 (June and Reimburse cost of Postage Stamps)

6. New Business

- a) Daycare Update: Unfortunately, guests from the daycare were unable to attend this evening's meeting. Council would like to explore options with Tracy Schmidt, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning. Don Ramsey has spoken to several potential donors about supporting the new daycare. RACF can accept donations on behalf of the daycare and give a charitable receipt to donors.
- b) Clean Water Pro:
 - Lynn Melvin, founder of Clean Water Pro met with us via Zoom to discuss options for improving the swimming areas at the Rivers Provincial Park beach as well as the Daly Beach. She has been working on restoring retention ponds, lagoons and lakes since 2008. She said that open water like lakes can be a little more challenging.
 - Friends of Rivers Lake shared that some mediation has been done along the shoreline such as removing a bunch of willows to allow more windspeed to help flush water. They have also asked the province for assistance.
 - Donna spoke to Scott Moore today and they removed the willows at the provincial park beach.
 - Lynn shared that there are some solutions if the province is in favour. One is removing the muck and weed growth from the bottom of the lake (if the province allows it). There is an apparatus that moves along the lake bottom, but it is not necessarily safe for use at a beach. Oak Lake tried a fountain, but Transport Canada made them remove it – Lynn is not sure of the reason why.
 - Nano Technology is another form of aeration. It is important to get the bottom of the lake oxygenated.
 - Lynn shared that the main thing you want to do is clean up the bottom of the swimming area to help prevent algae growth.

- Lynn shared that they are currently close to completing water testing on a new system. There is lots of research needed to show it's not harming the environment. Once they have registration, it can go into any open lake in Canada.
 - She shared that fountains would likely cost \$10,000, aeration likely \$10,000 - \$12,000.
 - Ed asked if harvesting is beneficial and Lynn relied with yes and no, as the weeds will grow back.
 - Lynn will put together an aeration plan and a fountain plan for us. Transport Canada approval is needed. We also need to go through the DFO (Fisheries and Oceans Canada) questionnaire before proceeding with a water treatment plan.
 - Aeration is added to many provincial lakes for fish and is in multiple lakes across the province. Reston has plates in their swimming pond. Lynn recommends putting aeration on the outer edge, so swimmers don't grab them. It helps to put signs up telling people to leave the plates alone.
 - Ed shared that phosphorous is the enemy as it drives the growth of algae. Too much phosphorous and nitrogen in lakes are when you will see the blue/green algae growth.
- c) Grants:
- RACF: Roger will assist with choosing a dock for the wetland.
 - Assiniboine Credit Union – Unsuccessful
 - Red River – Applied, but no word yet
 - FCC – haven't applied yet, will apply through Community Stream
- d) Wetland Project:
- Docks – will order as noted above; Boardwalk – table for now
 - Pedestal table – install July 11 @ 10:00 am; Dave will check with Marci to see if Public Works can drill a hole.
 - Portable Toilet – was delivered by C&C Rentals to the Wetland.
 - Signage – we will work with Rivers Train Station Restoration Committee to install new signage and replace existing faded signage around the wetland and Aspen Trail heads. Heritage Grant due January 31st can be used for signage, and there is the MB Trails Grant to apply to for 2027.
- e) Community Billboard – The CDC approved the quote from Off the Wall Signs for building and installing a new display case for the community billboard. *D. Morken – K. Lamb: Motion to order the replacement case and bulletin board from Off the Wall Signs for the cost of \$1422.40.*
- f) Sandcastle Contest/Community Futures Grant
- The park has the metal picnic table, and the Commemorative Donation Application was sent in to Rob. A free wagon came with our order from ULINE, and we will donate it to the elementary school.
 - Park Permit for Sandcastle Contest – everything is approved and Lesley will go and sign the permit and pay the fee.
 - Advertising for event – Heather and Dave will post Facebook ad, and Donna will put up posters around town.
 - Prizes – Super Thrifty has the prizes done up and ready for pick-up.
 - Volunteers: Dave and Lesley will set up registration table and tent, Donna will check with Wayne Kelly to see if he would be willing to come and judge on behalf of Community Futures, Heather will also judge, a volunteer from RACF will join us that day to help with the event.
- g) Business Front Beautification/Streetscaping
- Bricking - Donna has 3 new updated quotes from New Look Landscaping
 - Rolling Dale Ent. is going to update the front of their building.
 - Pocket Parks – included in From the Ground Up grant application if successful.
 - Ken Tait replaced the boards on benches downtown and fixed up the wood on The Banner building. Donna purchased stain for the benches and will look after staining them. *K. Lamb – R. Lepp Motion to reimburse Donna Morken \$83.13 for the purchase of stain for the benches downtown.*
- h) Marketing/Tourism
- Community Map – Donna sent HTFC the final change for the community map. The Kiddie Park and Skateboard Park were not on it.
 - The CDC can put the map in the Provincial Park's new display case.

- Brochures: Lesley will draft up a letter asking residents to submit photos for the community brochure.
- i) Development Incentive update – Roger shared his idea with council but has not heard back. Heather shared that everyone likes the idea and that running it for 5 or 10 years was the main discussion. One concern was how much admin work there would be for Marci. It was discussed for example, if there was a 2.5% tax increase, that increase would go on to the original amount, not the newly assessed amount. The question was what would happen 2 years after that? It wasn't sure if a person would need to pay the taxes, then get reimbursed. Roger feels like 10 years would be best because it might make people more likely to improve their properties.

7. Board Member Reports

- Donna - Permanent new Nurse Practitioner has been hired. Donna suggested that they start to do 2-day tours with potential students/candidates so they can learn about rural job opportunities. Jessica Brunskill, Director of Health Services, and Treena Slate, CEO of Prairie Mountain Health, would like to come out and meet with the CDC. The meeting date is set for July 13th @ 2:00 PM in the council chambers.
- Donna - Shorenet Institute for Place-based Economies reached out to the Rivers Train Station Restoration Committee. They are dedicated to local economic development and provide access for entrepreneurs and place-based economies. There may be an opportunity to work with them.
- Donna - Via Rail had an extended stop in Rivers because of a fire on the tracks. Passengers deboarded the train and spent some time downtown. Donna connected with one couple from the US and told them a little about our community and visited the Honey House with them.

Adjournment: D. Creighton 10:05 pm

K. Lamb - Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, July 13th @ 7:00 PM