



Riverdale Community Development Corporation

MINUTES: Meeting March 11, 2026

A meeting of the Riverdale CDC was held at the Riverdale Municipality Office on March 11, 2026.

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

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

D. Morken - R. Lepp: Moved to adopt agenda as presented.

3. Minutes from Previous Meetings – February 2026

R. Lepp – D. Morken: Moved that the minutes for February 2026 be adopted as presented.

4. Financial Reports – February 2026

D. Morken – R. Lepp: Moved that the financial statement for February 2026 be adopted as presented.

5. Expenses payable

R. Lepp – D. Morken: Moved the following payments be issued:

- Lesley Creighton - \$350.00 March
- Equinox Industries Ltd. \$4,448.84

6. New Business

a) Grants:

- RACF - Thomas Sill – grant application was sent in requesting funding for docks and portable toilet rental for Wetland Project. We should hear back mid April.
- Community Futures – Donna applied for a grant asking for \$3000.00 with \$3000.00 In Kind work to match grant, and 10% of our own funds to be used toward a Uline picnic table to be gifted to Rivers Provincial Park for their day use rental area, as well as funds for the upcoming Sandcastle Contest, and an Ice Cream Trail for tourism next year. She shared that we were successful in our application and will receive \$3000.00.
- BACF – Thomas Sill – grant application was sent in requesting funds toward the purchase of new docks at the Wetland. We will likely hear back mid April.
- ACU Inspire – Application due end of March. Donna will apply requesting funds to continue bricking along 2nd Avenue, and for upgrades to the pocket parks.
- Fish & Wildlife – Opens in May
- Red River Mutual – Application due by May 31st. Donna will also apply for funds to continue bricking along 2nd Avenue, and for upgrades to the pocket parks.
- FCC AgriSpirit Fund – April 15-May 15 is application period. We will decide if and what we are applying for at our April Meeting.
- CO-OP Communities in Full Colour – donating CO-OP Imagine Paint. This could be a grant opportunity for RCC.

b) Wetland Project:

- Conservation Trust Grant – Donna received the interim report from Maria Neumann and she will complete and send back. Once it is approved, they will release the next \$4000.00 installment.
- Next steps – upon spring melt, we will assess the quality of existing docks and boardwalk to see if repairs or replacement is needed. These decisions will also be dependent on whether we receive further funding from the RACF and BACF grants that we applied for.

We will also need to install the dual bear proof bin and pedestal picnic table once they arrive.

- Windmill – Lesley shared the information that she received from Terry Radcliff who was one of the teachers that worked on the original windmill installation. We decided to table the windmill for now and focus on the docks, boardwalk, and portable toilet.
 - Signage – Lesley shared pictures of possible interactive wetland signage that would be a nice addition to the wetland. Donna shared that signage is included in the From the Ground Up Grant application she applied for through the Train Station Restoration Committee and RDI.
- c) LED Sign – There are burnt out sections on both the east and west sides of the LED sign. Dave will call Jason at Cardinal Signs to find out about repairs and get a quote.
- d) Sandcastle Contest – Donna has permit request and she will apply for a permit for this year's sandcastle contest. Lesley will look for a copy of last year's permit and forward to Donna for reference. Lesley will bring the notes and ideas we collected after last year's contest to the next meeting so we can plan categories and prizes.
- e) Business Front Beautification/Streetscaping – the planters are ready and Lesley will mail a cheque for payment. No shipping date has been given yet.
- f) Community Billboard – Dave and Lesley will get exact measurement, and the municipality is okay with ordering replacement bulletin board for us from Grainger through the Canoe Procurement program.
- g) Age Friendly Community – Lesley will ask again to have this added to the next Community on Track agenda, and if that isn't possible, we will table it for now and see if the next council wants to pursue it further.
- h) Marketing/Tourism:
- Community Map – we reviewed the first draft of the map and made notes on errors and omissions. Donna will give the list of updates to HTFC.
- i) Development Incentive:
- Roger spoke with Laura and she mentioned that Virden has a similar program, but it is geared towards commercial property development rather than residential properties. Their program is a 5-year plan where the 1st year there are no property taxes, then it moves to 75%, 50%, 25% discounts until it is full amount.
 - Donna will reach out to Community Futures and has left a message with RMED but hasn't heard back yet.
 - Roger will draft a letter to explain his idea and share that draft with CDC members.

7. Board Member Reports

- a) Daycare Update – Donna
- The daycare has a 2nd draft of a floorplan
 - They have a Trivia Night fundraiser coming up

Other:

Donna shared that:

- The Curling Club made \$80,000 from RME Women of the Rings.
- Brandon Curling Club is closed for repairs, and they have reached out the Rivers Curling Club.
- Fish and Game Derby went very well, and they had 180 people registered.
- Little Obie – not sure yet if a date will work.

Adjournment: D. Creighton 9:45 pm

D. Morken - R. Lepp Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 13th, 2026 @ 7:00 PM