



Riverdale Community Development Corporation

MINUTES: Meeting May 11, 2026

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

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

Regrets: Roger Lepp

Guests: Mayor Lamb, Rob Clark – Manitoba Parks, Lorne Green, Samantha Lepp & Ian Puppe – Friends of Rivers Lake, Evan Keller – Keller Developments

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by David Creighton

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Minutes from Previous Meetings – April 2026

K. Lamb - D. Morken: Moved that the minutes for April 2026 be adopted as presented.

4. Financial Reports – April 2026

D. Morken - K. Lamb: Moved that the financial statement for April 2026 be adopted as presented.

5. Expenses payable

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

- Lesley Creighton \$350.00 (May)
- Cardinal Signs \$735.00
- HTFC \$1,391.25 (Inv. No. 25073-2)
- Uline - Provincial Park Table \$2,070.60

6. New Business

- a) Guests: Rob Clark, Lorne Green, Samantha Lepp, Ian Puppe. The following items were discussed:
- Rob Clark shared that the Rivers Provincial Park is getting a new kiosk and tractor. He has received our Sandcastle Permit Application and forwarded it on for final approval. He will look into ordering more sand for the event and the CDC said that they can use some of our grant money toward the cost. Rob is looking at getting electric golf carts for maintenance staff and has applied for funding through the Endowment Fund for an accessible dock and kayak launch for the beach. Rob would like to plan a prescribed burn for areas around the park trail. They will be getting a new map made for the park. Rob also shared that access to the trails was confusing on the All Trails website/app and that it can be updated. Manitoba Parks also has a trails office, and they do have funding for some things including repairs. David Simard is the Western Parks Coordinator.
 - We discussed possible aeration for the beach area including SWAT Water Technology which uses nanobubble technology (Killarney Lake is trying this). Oak Lake has put in a large aeration system after receiving funding from the Manitoba Fish & Wildlife Enhancement Fund. Ian shared that some concern with aeration is disruption of the lakebed, but Nano aeration is supposed to be better. Lorne shared that the lake itself is doing well, but we want a swimming area. We discussed the willows and bullrushes that are near the beach and Rob said that those plants do not affect algae, but the park has been working on trying to cut them back. Dave shared that council had done some work with Clean Water Pro in the past and he spoke to Lynn at the last AMO and she is willing to join a meeting virtually. Dave will try and set up a time with her for our next meeting.

- Friends of Rivers Lake shared that they were donated a small weed cutter. They have been trying it out on the Daly Beach side, but it is tedious work. They have purchased a kayak launcher which is attached to a floating dock. Friends of Rivers Lake would like to partner with Manitoba Parks on a new dock and kayak launcher if the park does not receive funding through the Endowment Fund. Samantha shared that they worked with Garth at Nor Col Dock Solutions (formally EZ Dock) for the new dock on the Daly side. She will share the brochure with Lesley, as the CDC is installing 1 or possibly 2 new docks in the wetland. Lorne wondered if a man-made swimming hole could be a possibility for down at the lake, possibly near the beach washrooms. Donna will reach out to Tanis Chalmers for more information as she was involved in Economic Development when Reston built their lake. Rob suggested speaking to David Jones, the Park Specialist. It was also shared that Eddie Mackay has proposed a pollinators program somewhere near the Aspen Trail/Wetland area.
- b) Evan Keller from Keller Developments
- Donna had read the article about Evan coming out to municipalities. She shared with Evan that our community needs a daycare, seniors 55+ housing, housing for younger people, and a hotel. Evan shared a bit about Keller Developments. They own a large group of companies that does development – they do a little bit of everything. They have over 700 rental properties in Brandon and Moosomin. They own rural development land, and they do commercial and rural developments. Evan shared that development in Brandon is a challenge right now, so there could be opportunities in smaller municipalities. The first place to start is to come up with tangible market research. Some of the biggest challenges are what rent is now and what it needs to be to make a project feasible. They find a good project is a 12 plex as it falls under part 9 of the Building Code and does not need sprinklers. They typically build these as a three story with a crawl space. They will build the 12 plex's on a 120 X 120 lot in Brandon and this includes an area for parking. Donna shared that RMED just provided information for municipalities on these types of development projects. Evan said that grants can help offset upfront costs. His company can also be an asset for municipalities as they can do 3D renders and show people what a property will look like and provide floorplans to help see who is interested. Having those renderings and drawings can also help with grants.
- c) Grants:
- RACF – Lesley will contact Garth at Nor Col Dock Solutions for suggestions on a dock that will work for the wetland. Dave and Lesley will go and take a closer look at the dock down at Daly Beach.
 - ACU Inspire – No news as of yet.
 - Red River Mutual – due May 31st. Donna has new quotes from New Look Landscaping and will apply for streetscaping projects – bricking and pocket parks.
 - FCC AgriSpirit Fund – We will also apply for funding for bricking and pocket parks.
- d) Wetland Project:
- Conservation Trust Interim Report – the report was submitted and they want us spending more of the money we have already received before sending the next installment. Donna will check and see if we can get the next installment so that we can order a second dock at the same time we order the first one using RACF – Thomas Sill grant dollars.
 - Docks – will order as noted above
 - Pedestal table – we will pick a date to meet at the wetland to install the table
 - Bear Proof Bins – no word on delivery yet
 - Portable Toilet – A decision was made to use our own funding to rent a portable toilet. D. Morken – K. Lamb: Motion to rent a portable toilet from a local vendor for the months June through to the end of September with cleaning to be scheduled as necessary.
 - 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.
- e) LED Sign – repairs to the sign were made and Lesley will pay the invoice.
- f) Community Billboard – the bulletin board from Grainger will not work for size as it is about ½ inch too wide to fit between the posts of the existing structure. Donna will reach out to Off the Wall signs to see if they can build something.

g) Sandcastle Contes/Community Futures Grant

- Table for Provincial Park has been ordered – Lesley will fill out the Commemorative Donation Application. We also received a free folding canvas wagon with our order, which we could possibly use for a free raffle item or prize at the sandcastle contest.
- Park Permit for Sandcastle Contest – Rob Clark approved and forwarded it onto his boss for final approval.
- Advertising for event – Lesley will share on social media as well as post on the LED sign and print posters for around town.
- Prizes – We will have a 1st and 2nd prize for each category. Donna will ask Lorne about donating certificates for mini golf or ice cream. She will also visit Super Thrifty and have them start to put together prizes for the winners of the Sandcastle Contest. We will see if we can secure swag from local businesses to give to participants.

h) Business Front Beautification/Streetscaping

- Donna has updated quotes from New Look Landscaping

i) Marketing/Tourism

- Community Map – Donna will have HTFC fix spelling error on "Eighth Ave." and have them fix Riverdale CDC's email so that it does not have a hyphen.

j) Development Incentive update - tabled

7. Board Member Reports

a) Daycare Update – Donna

- Daycare board members will attend our next meeting.

Other:

- The twinning project with Japan is still moving forward and gaining traction.

Adjournment: D. Creighton 10:00 pm

K. Lamb - Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 15th @ 7:00 PM