



Riverdale Community Development Corporation

MINUTES: Meeting May 22, 2025

A meeting of the Riverdale CDC was held at the Riverdale Municipality Office on May 22, 2025.

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

Guests: Mayor Heather Lamb, Wendy Petersen – Community Futures, Dee Wood, Sam Kolesar, Amber Little

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Dave Creighton.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

D. Morken – R. Lepp: Moved that the agenda be adopted with the addition of Asset Management under Business section K.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting – April 2025

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

4. Financial Reports – April 2025

R. Lepp – K. Lamb: Moved that the financial statement for April 2025 be adopted as presented.

5. Expenses payable

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

Lesley Creighton \$350 (May)

6. New Business

a) Guest Wendy Petersen from Community Futures and members from Riverdale Learning Centre board were in attendance. The following items were discussed:

- Wendy gave an overview of her work in helping set up co-operatives
- Discussed recent RMED Daycare Webinar and the possibility of working with Co-operatives First for support if the daycare board wishes to proceed with the 60/40 Government Funding options for new daycares. Wendy can help the daycare board reach out to Co-operatives First.
- Wendy shared that Souris and Minnedosa have Co-op Daycares and to reach out with any questions and for information on the process
- Dee shared that there are currently 80 families on a wait list; they have the land for the new daycare; they are currently incorporated as a daycare; the proposed new daycare is 4200 sq. ft. and would include a kitchen
- Wendy suggested looking into the Efficiency Grant to be used for lighting.
- The daycare is already accessing the government training grant for staff training.
- It was recommended that the daycare board begin by having an initial conversation with Co-operatives First and go from there.
- Wendy shared that the biggest advantage of co-operatives is sharing the workload. She also explained that Co-ops always have a board and they need to hold an AGM. Co-ops can have different levels of memberships. Co-ops can have a charitable number.

- One question that came up was could a mortgage for the 40% funding be secured? And how would they pay the mortgage as any government funding received is to go to operating costs only?
 - Wendy shared that Lon Cullen the President & CEO at the YMCA of Brandon has done lots of work with before and after school care. Wendy will reach out and see what grants may be available for before and after school programs.
 - Wendy can do an asset survey – what matters to residents? Often there is too much focus on what you want rather than what you have in a community.
 - Wendy shared about the Community Enterprise Development Fund – 45% Tax Credit. Could be an option for daycare – ask Co-operatives First about it.
 - Wendy offered to help the daycare make a list of assets.
 - Children's Business Fair – we could also host one (best to do in conjunction with another event) and Wendy could help set it up. The goal would be to have that become a business that stays in the community.
 - The need for Assisted Living in our community was brought up. Co-op Housing Federation of Canada and CMHC has a mandate to do housing. Rural communities need housing as well.
 - Asset Mapping – Wendy does more the social part and Dr. Wayne Kelly would do the physical asset part. Maybe the two could be integrated together?
- b) From the Ground Up – expecting grants to be announced in June
 - c) Conservation Trust – received \$10,000 grant for Wetland project. Need to sign the agreement. In kind work can count toward the matching amount we need. Donna will apply to FCC in June for further project funding.
 - d) LED Sign Advertising Update – we have received a paid advertisement for the month of May. Several requests coming in for community events.
 - e) Bench Project – the quotes came back higher than expected because of tariffs. Lesley will look into Canadian made options.
 - f) Community On Track – Rollin' Into Rivers weekend – we decided to go ahead and pursue the Sandcastle Contest event on Sunday, July 6th from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Donna will look into permission to use the beach at the provincial park.
 - g) Beautification with Commissionaires – tabled for now
 - h) Business Front Beautification – a local business owner is interested in applying for a grant for business front beautification. Donna will reach out and share some ideas with them.
 - i) Community Billboard – Kansteel can repair and will stop to look at the sign if they are in the area, and Dave will send them picture as well for a quote.
 - j) Marketing/Advertising – Donna will check with Leech to see if they have a quote for us yet. We will table the bookmark idea until we can have a logo developed. Dr. Wayne Kelly and some students will come out to do asset mapping this summer. Donna will invite them to our June meeting.

7. Board Member Reports

- a) Age Friendly Community – Dave spoke to Margaret Fraser. She is a wealth of information. She shared what steps we need to first take, along with having council make a resolution to proceed. Dave will have this added to the next council meeting. She can come out to a public meeting.
- b) Grant Application Updates – Donna will continue to watch for grants we can apply for. Kelvin shared the Rivers and Area Game and Fish grant information that they received.
- c) Council Strat Plan – the municipality Strategic Plan is now available to view on the municipality website.

Adjournment: D. Creighton – 9:45 pm

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

Next Meeting Dates: Monday, June 16th @ 7:00 PM