



Riverdale Community Development Corporation

MINUTES: Meeting September 8, 2025

A meeting of the Riverdale CDC was held at the Riverdale Municipality Office on September 8, 2025.

Present: Donna Morken, Dave Creighton, Lesley Creighton

Regrets: Kelvin Lamb, Roger Lepp

Guests: Mayor Heather Lamb

1. **The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Dave Creighton.**

NOTE: Quorum was not met so tonight's meeting was information only.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**
No motion – quorum not met

3. **Minutes from Previous Meeting – June 2025**
No motion – quorum not met

4. **Financial Reports – June 2025, July 2025, August 2025**
No motion – quorum not met

5. **Expenses payable**

No Motion - quorum not met

- Off The Wall Signs \$574.56 – Wetland Signage
- Lesley Creighton \$376.25 (July - \$350, Reimburse Provincial Park Permit - \$26.25)
- Donna Morken – \$72.15 (Reimburse Sand Castle Contest Prizes)
- Riverdale Municipality - \$42.00 Rental of Redfern Hall
- Blue Imp (Metal Bench Deposit) e-transfer on July 15, 2025 \$992.00 plus \$1.00 e-transfer fee
- Blue Imp (Metal Bench – remainder of balance) e-transfer on August 25, 2025 \$330.72 plus \$1.00 e-transfer fee
- Lesley Creighton - \$765.00 (August & September, Reimburse \$65.00 MB Companies Office Fee paid by Personal Credit Card)

6. **New Business**

a) Grants:

- We were not successful in receiving From the Ground Up Grant. We will try again in January.
- Donna will check into the BACF Grant to find out if we can use the municipality's charitable number as the grant application needs to be through a charitable entity.
- RACF – Lesley will apply to RACF for a grant for items for the Wetland project. (Metal garbage bin, picnic table, docks – check Canada Docks)
- Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund – Donna will write a Letter of Intent for this grant.
- Westoba Inspire – Donna will apply for this grant for Wetland project items (Garbage bin, picnic table & docks)

- b) Conservation Trust Grant update: New sign is installed. Work on getting docks installed and walkway fixed.
- c) LED Sign Update: Advertisements slowed down a little in the summer, but they are picking up again this fall.
- d) Bench Project Update: Bench is in and we will meet to install it on Saturday at 10:30 am. Lesley will get the concrete ordered at Home Hardware.

- e) Sandcastle Event Follow Up: Donna spoke to Scott Moore from the park and he was quite excited about the event. Donna would like the RACF to support this event as well. We reviewed the comments made about suggestions for next year (more specific categories for judging, possible hold at a different time, adult or family categories, and change the youth category to 10 & under and Teen Category from 11-17.
- f) Business Front Beautification: Goal is to work on 2nd avenue business section as per recommendations from HTFC Streetscaping Plan. Donna suggested getting new Desert Planters for downtown and possibly moving the old ones to the campground. Lesley and Dave will try to find streetlamp suppliers that were similar to the ones that they saw in Blairmore, AB on their trip west.
- g) July 17 Meeting with Dr. Wayne Kelly, Awoll, Ken Storie, and Kris Doull: Recapped meeting. We reviewed some ideas they had about marketing – have a pamphlet to hand out during community events that showcases our community and lists things to do, places to visit, places to eat etc.
- h) Community Billboard Repairs: Kansteel has images of current board but has not provided a quote. Dave will check with them again.
- i) Marketing/Tourism: Discussed projects with RDI – after their conference is over they would like to talk to us and work on a project together for marketing and tourism. We also discussed the need for a logo and came back to the previous idea of a roadside attraction for our town such as a large Sekine bicycle.
- j) Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Tour: Donna shared that a large group of people and practitioners from across Canada have done research on how small rural communities are revitalizing themselves. Many will be here for the mural unveiling on Sept. 24th.
- k) Provincial Park: Donna sent a letter to the Minister of Environment regarding investing in parks and invited him out. She did not hear back from the minister, but she did hear from Chris Hornsby as he received the letter from the minister. Rob Clark and Chris Hornsby met with Donna at the park and they discussed things that need to be done. Items discussed were a need for more sites, the increased traffic down Memorial Drive to the lake, and increase of people visiting for the amenities. They shared with Donna that the park can't receive money from community groups for the Provincial Park, but they can accept donations of items for the park. E.g. benches, tables.
- l) Businesses Update: CB Aspire has updated their building exterior and all rooms are rented out. The Legion has a new sign – LED & Solar. Is there a possibility of something going into the Banner building?

7. Board Member Reports

- a) Age Friendly Community: E-Mail from Margaret Fraser was shared, she is able to come and make a presentation. Lesley will share the Manitoba Health and Social Prescribing Video with the CDC that Margaret sent out. The CDC decided to table moving forward with this at the moment, but Lesley will have Laura add it to the next Community On Track Agenda to see if other community groups are interested in pursuing it.
- b) Daycare Update: The daycare shared with Donna that they are moving forward with working together with Co-operatives First. They are planning a Town Hall meeting to get community input and share information. They will form a second board to work on certain aspects of the new daycare. They learned that they can apply for the 60/40 grant without needing to have the 40% funds in place.
- c) Mural Unveiling: This takes place on Wednesday, September 24th at 1:15 at the new mural on the east side of Westoba.

8. Other:

- Donna would like to see a facility manager at the Community Center.

Adjournment: D. Creighton – 9:38 pm

No motion – quorum not met

Next Meeting Dates: Wednesday, October 8th @ 7:00 PM