



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

6:30 p.m. MST

April 1st, 2025

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Join by Video:

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Join by Phone:

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Meeting ID: 993 6543 9474

Meeting Passcode: 528084

In-Person Location: Riondel Community Centre, Commission Office, Room #6
1511 Eastman Avenue, Riondel, BC

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner G. Panio	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner J. Donald	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner L. Cranna	Riondel	In-person

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner A. Cop	Riondel
Commissioner S. Downing	Riondel
Director G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A

STAFF

Joe Chirico	General Manager of Community Services
Cheryl Wright	Meeting Coordinator

4 out of 7 voting Commission members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the April 1, 2025 meeting be adopted as circulated with the addition of the following:

- 7.5 Incident of Vandalism at Riondel Community Centre
- 7.6 Process for selection new commissioners to fill vacancy on the Riondel Commission
- 7.7 Riondel street sweeping

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The March 04, 2025 Riondel Commission Meeting minutes, have been received.

5. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 6:33 p.m.

- No questions from the public.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 East Shore – Area A North Public Information Session – RDCK Budget 2025-2029 Report Chair Panio provided a verbal report on the March 5, 2025 Budget meeting held at the Riondel Community Centre, Activity Room that was well attended with the following notable key points:

- Addressed drainage and water services noting services funds may not be transferred between services.
- Detail of the budget for all services can be found online at the RDCK Website, located on the Homepage under Financial Information, Plans and Statements.
- A question from the Public was asked why Riondel Road properties do not pay into the S209 service that funds the Riondel Community Centre. Chair Panio responded by explaining that the current taxation area was established by Bylaw 117 in 1972.

DIRECTION TO STAFF: That staff review the S209 service area.

- RDCK has hired a new Asset Plan Specialist to look into long range asset planning starting in June 2025.
- Riondel residents could consider creating Community Forestry, similar to those found in Creston and Harrop. To be addressed at the next Commission Meeting May 6, 2025.

6.2 Riondel Community Association Initiatives

Chair Panio provided an update on the Riondel Community Association (RCA) initiatives. A group of RCA member cleaned the stage area and the adjoining storage room in preparation for their Spring Fling Dance.

6.3 Circle of Friends Initiatives

Chair Panio provide a report on the Circle of Friends initiatives and issues, including:

- Plans are in process to set up a community garden next to their building.
- They had an extremely high hydro bill resulting from a broken hot waterline which is currently under investigation by RDCK maintenance staff.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Tree Pruning

Chair Panio led the Commission in a discussion about pruning trees in the orchard between Russell and Ainsworth Avenues. The Commission will contribute \$400. A further \$200 to be paid through public donations.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Riondel Commission request James Linn provide an estimate for the costs of replacing one of the older orchard trees with a new tree.

Carried

7.2 Community Service Meeting Update

Chair Panio to provide an update regarding March 17, 2025 meeting with RDCK General Manager of Community Services, Joe Chirico and Administrative Coordinator of Community Services, Jenna Chapman.

- RDCK staff are looking into streamlining the accounting processes for Riondel Commission operations.
- District staff have procured \$50,000 grant to make improvements in the Community Centre playground.
- RDCK staff are negotiating with Columbia Basin Trust regarding renovations to the Riondel Community Centre. Improvements will be incremental to have minimal impact on activities and programs.

7.3 Crawford Bay Hall and Parks Board

Chair Panio led the Commission in a discussion of setting up a meeting with Crawford Bay Hall and Parks Board to discuss service areas and their impact on funding.

- Joe Chirico will schedule a meeting with RDCK staff, Riondel Commissioners and Crawford Bay Hall and Parks representatives to take place in Nelson.

7.4 Riondel Community Centre Media Lab Usage

The Commission discussed suggestions for the Media Lab, three suggestions were noted:

- The Youth Group coming to view the room.
- There is interest in using the room to do a radio show.

- Commissioner Cranna will contact a local resident with experience in information technology.

7.5 Incident of Vandalism at Riondel Community Centre (March 18th)

- The vandalism was reported to the RCMP in Creston. Unfortunately, there was a glitch with the Surveillance Camera system, so no video is available.
- Kootenay Duct Cleaners will be cleaning vents in the Media Lab and Activity room as soon as authorized.
- Chair Panio suggested the Community Centre needs a better video monitoring system.
- General Manager Joe Chirico advised that any video surveillance has to be set up by RDCK IT Services.
- The Riondel Commission will request that IT Services contact the Commission to review options for providing increased video security.

7.6 Process for Selecting New Commission Member

Chair Panio advised that we have two people interested in volunteering for the Commissioner Positions but only one opening. There is a maximum of seven (7) commissioners. The Riondel Commission By-Laws state that the Director and members should look at all applications and make recommendations to the RDCK Board of Directors.

Interested volunteers are requested to submit a letter with information regarding background and experience for review by the Riondel Commission.

7.7 Street Sweeping

The Street Sweeping has begun and workers are cleaning up excess gravel for safe removal. Thanks to Yellowhead Road and Bridge (YRB) for their service.

8 AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman is unable to attend due to travelling.

9 PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:18 p.m.

- Question 1 - Do we know if the golf course coming off the local water going to increase our water costs?

Chair Panio added that a portion of overall costs may be drawn off the Riondel Water Services Reserve to compensate for part of the cost and mitigate the impact on local ratepayers.

10 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

11 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

G. Panio, Chair

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Riondel Commission Meetings

1. Riondel residents could consider creating Community Forestry, similar to those found in Creston and Harrop. To be addressed at the next Commission Meeting May 6, 2025.
2. That the Riondel Commission request James Linn provide an estimate for the costs of replacing one of the older orchard trees with a new tree.
3. The Riondel Commission will recommend that RDCK staff review the S209 service area.