



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

6:30 p.m. MST
January 7, 2025

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Join by Video:

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Meeting ID: 922 8475 5908

Meeting Passcode: 737419

In-Person Location: Riondel Community Centre - 1417-1421 Eastman Ave, Riondel, BC V0B 2B0

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner G. Panio	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner J. Donald	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner D. Lavigne	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner A. Cop	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner L. Cranna	Riondel	Phone
G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

GUESTS

Susan Downing	Riondel
Gordon MacMahon	SKLCSS (South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society)

STAFF

Cheryl Wright	Meeting Coordinator
Jenna Chapman	Administrative Coordinator – Community Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

RDCK Director G. Jackman called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 Times)

Director G Jackman called for nomination three times.

Member N. Anderson nominated member G. Panio for Chair.

DECLARATION OF ELECTED OR ACCLAIMED CHAIR

Director Jackman ratifies the appointed G. Panio as the Chair of the Riondel Commission for 2025.

3. ASSUMED THE CHAIR

Chair Panio assumed the Chair.

4. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion and seconded,
AND Resolved;

The Agenda for the January 7, 2025 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted with the addition of following:

- Item 10.5 - Ministry of Transportation Update
- Item 11.7 - Notice of possible future discussion on increasing the tax base for the S209 Recreational Facility

before circulation.

Carried

6. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The December 3, 2024 Riondel Commission meeting minutes, have been received.

7. STAFF INTRODUCTION AND APPOINTMENT

7.1 Chair Panio introduced Cheryl Wright as the Administrative Support personnel for the Riondel Commission, as well as the Meeting Coordinator for the Riondel Commission.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Board appoint RDCK staff, Cheryl Wright, as the Meeting Coordinator for the Riondel Commission and her salary be paid from Recreation Facility – Area A Service Number S209.

Carried

8. DELEGATE

- 8.1** Gordon MacMahon, from South Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (SKLCSS) provided a verbal presentation outlining an overview of the Kootenay Lake Geothermal Project, which is now completing phase four (4) of their research in the Crawford Bay/Riondel areas. A goal is to lay possible groundwork for future geothermal-based development. A copy of the latest report will be forwarded to the Commission, as well as a copy of an earlier Desrocher Report (1992) which was requested by the Commission members. Chair Panio to receive and share with the other Commission members. Early in the New Year, the SKLCSS will be scheduling public meetings in Riondel and Crawford Bay to discuss their research and findings.

9. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 6:23 p.m.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Community Centre Renovation Plan

Commissioner Cop provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding The East Shore Men's Shed space at the Riondel Community Centre detailing health and safety concerns around ventilation of paint and varnish fumes, which affect users of the main floor of the Community Centre. There was a recommendation that the Health and Safety concerns he raised be discussed with the Men's Shed Group, Facility Manager Stuart Durning as well as Craig Stanley, RDCK Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management.

10.2 Community Centre Sign

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the new Community Centre Sign. Chair Panio extended thanks to the Men's Shed group for arranging for the acquisition of the new sign and for its installation.

10.3 Parking Spot Request

Commissioner Lavigne led the Commission in a verbal discussion regarding, the East Shore Transportation Society Van including, the Transportation Society identify a location for the van (possibly by the west wall of the auditorium), for the Transportation Society to provide the Commission with details of any work that would need to be done at the site to make it practical for vehicle storage, that the Transportation Society is in understanding that the cost of such work would be taken on by the Transportation Society. A request for a proposal from the Transportation Society which can be presented by the Transportation Society at the next Commission meeting.

10.4 Waste Management

Director Jackman led the Commission in a verbal discussion regarding, Waste Management. Director Jackman reviewed a recent report on Regional District Waste Management costs. The economic viability of certain services has been called into question. It was suggested Director Jackman attend the Community Association AGM Saturday January 18th at 1PM, with Waste Management concerns be added to their agenda, or that another date be set for a separate community meeting to address recycling and waste management options.

10.5 Ministry of Transportation Update

Commissioners Panio, Commissioner Anderson, and Commissioner Lavigne met with Gundula Brigl, Area Manager for the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (MOTI), to review local concerns regarding abandoned vehicles, culverts, and snow clearing. MOTI has the ability to remove tag and remove vehicles if deemed unsafe, but limitations in staffing and funding limit the extent of direct action. MOTI & Yellowhead Road & Bridge staff do a drive-through in Riondel to review areas of concern.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Commission Appointment

Chair Panio introduced Susan Downing to the Riondel Commission.

MOVED and seconded by
AND Resolved:

That the Board appoint the following individual(s) Susan Downing to the Riondel Commission for a term to end December 31, 2026.

Carried

11.2 Commission Access

Commissioner Lavigne discussed with the Commission a request for access to the RDCK buildings. Chair Panio provided Commissioner Lavigne with a key to the Commission office. Keys to all facilities are accessible to Commissions in the office.

11.3 Riondel Community Centre Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the Riondel Community Centre and referenced the Maintenance Needs form created to assist our Maintenance Person in identifying areas of concern including:

- Men's Shed annual rent for 2025 reduced on the basis of volunteer work done for the Commission by Shed members.
- Two unsafe, wall-mounted electrical boxes removed from the south & north walls of the auditorium.

11.4 Studio Space Request

Chair Panio led a discussion with the Commission regarding a Request for studio space from Owen Dearing for a possible ceramics studio in the basement of the Community Centre. While some space could possibly be made available here, it was suggested that Crawford Bay Elementary-Secondary School be contacted as they may have the required space and pottery kiln needed. Creating a functional studio in the basement would require considerable time and expense.

11.5 Propane Costs

Commissioner Cop provided the Commission with a verbal report regarding Propane Costs following his contact with Lo-Cost Propane, referencing there is no need to re-negotiate the current contract but that after some discussion Lo-Cost Propane is offering a better deal cost-wise that should provide considerable savings on propane costs at the Community Centre in the future.

11.6 Riondel Community Association Rental Fee

Commissioner Panio led the Commission in a discussion regarding, Riondel Community Association (RCA) supplementary rental payment of \$2500.00 for use of the auditorium. This payment is to partially offset the loss of revenue from auditorium drop-in fees.

Chair Panio will discuss the details of this supplementary payment with the RCA at its next meeting date.

11.7 Notice of Possible Future Discussion on Increasing the Recreational Facility S209 Taxation Base.

Chair Panio provided a suggestion to the Commission, that at a future Commission meeting they consider reviewing the possibility of extending the tax base for the service to match those of the fire service, as the Community Centre is being used by community members from outside Riondel. Director Jackman explained that the extension of the taxation area might be difficult to achieve as it would require full support from homeowners in the affected area, and that the benefits would not be as evident as those provided by the Fire Service. Tom Dool, with the RDCK may provide information on the procedure to be followed to change a taxation area.

12. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal update including, a Budget meeting is set for February 3rd, 2025. A complete package will be available in advance of that meeting date on the RDCK home page for review. Budget presentations will follow at selected communities in the RDCK area.

13. FINANCIAL REPORT

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a discussion regarding the December 2024 financial report for the Riondel Community Centre stating there is nothing to report at this time

14. PUBLIC TIME

There was no Public in attendance.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next Riondel Commission meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved
G. Panio, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. That the Board appoint RDCK staff, Cheryl Wright, as the Meeting Coordinator for the Riondel Commission and her salary be paid from Recreation Facility – Area A Service Number S209.
2. That the Board appoint the following individual(s) Susan Downing to the Riondel Commission for a term to end December 31, 2026

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

Future Riondel Commission Meetings

1. *Proposal from the Transportation Society Re: parking spot*