

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Riondel Commission of Management OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 pm April 6, 2021 Remote Meeting

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Panio (Chair)

Commissioner Tremblay

Commissioner Wensink

Commissioner Wallace

Commissioner Anderson

Commissioner Wilkinson

Riondel

Commissioner Cursons

Riondel

Commissioner Jackman Director – Electoral Area A

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF

Lindsay MacPhee Administrative Assistant – Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 6, 2021 Riondel Commission of Management meeting, be adopted with inclusions 8.5 Library rental charge for 2021 and 8.6 Electronic Speed Sign and Request for information, before circulation.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The March 2, 2021 Riondel Commission of Management minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

Laverne Booth, of the Age Friendly Advisory Council (AFAC), provided the Commission with a verbal report including a review of their recent survey identifying the Riondel Community Centre as not fully meeting age friendly requirements, and indicating that the seniors would like a food program. Ongoing community conversations are taking place monthly on various topics, and there will be an upcoming event in Crawford Bay Park with MLA Brittny Anderson. The final report from the recent Asset Mapping of the Community Centre has not yet been received and the AFAC requests the Commission update the Community Centre's Asset Inventory.

6. PUBLIC TIME

No public time.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Report on Community Centre Planning

Chair Panio provided a verbal update to the Commission with regards to Community Centre planning, including an impromptu meeting with General Manager Joe Chirico discussing different approaches to the renovation project and the pros and cons for each approach. The Commissioners received an email containing Chair Panio's notes from that meeting. A discussion followed and questions remain, including what modifications are to be made and the impact on current building codes. A Building Sub-Committee meeting will be held Friday, April 16, 2021 for further discussion.

STAFF DIRECTION Lindsay MacPhee will schedule a meeting of the Building Sub-Committee for Friday April 16, 2021 at 9:00 am.

7.2 Report on the Multi-Purpose Outdoor Recreation Court

Commissioner Cursons provided a verbal report to the Commission with regards to the progress of grant application for the outdoor court, including reporting an above-average number of applicants and indicating that the results will be received by May 14, 2021.

7.3 Report on the Water Treatment Plant Visit and Possible Video Tour

Chair Panio and Commissioner Anderson provided a verbal report to the Commission with regards to their Water Treatment Plant visit, including that it may be a good idea to record a video tour of the plant for public and educational purposes.

7.4 Letter to MLA Brittny Anderson Regarding Derelict Vehicles

Chair Panio provided a verbal update to the Commission with regards to requesting help from MLA Brittny Anderson with the removal of derelict vehicles from the community, including that a staff response indicated there is no known provincial program to assist with this matter. A discussion followed with Director Jackman noting that instituting zoning bylaws would be the biggest help with deterrence. Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Planning staff are establishing dates for community engagement regarding zoning.

7.3 Update on Proposed S209 Recreation Facility budget

Chair Panio provided a verbal update to the Commission with regards to the proposed S209 recreation facility budget for 2021. Notable items included a significant increase in the total S209 budget allocation, the projected shortfall in reserve contributions during the coming years despite budget increases, significant increases in salary costs, a \$10,000 rental shortfall due to COVID, and the withdrawal of \$15,000 from reserves to cover the sinkhole repair. All extra costs due to COVID must be scrutinized to evaluate all losses and any increased costs in order to determine eligibility for available provincial funding.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Proposed Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw

Chair Panio led a discussion on implications for the proposed changes to the Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw, including that the increased costs seem justifiable. Considering the increasing number of RV's and trailers in the community, the Commission would like to see guidelines on how water service usage charges are to be enforced.

STAFF DIRECTION Lindsay MacPhee will contact appropriate RDCK staff and request further information on water services and enforcement.

8.2 Request for Further Information on Policies Regarding Permanent/Semi-Permanent Installation of Trailers

Item discussed with item 8.1 Proposed Utilities Rates, Fees and Charges Bylaw.

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED

The Order of Business was changed in order for Item 8.3 Proposed Speed Limit Change on North Riondel Road to be considered with Agenda Item 9.1.1 Request to Reduce Speed Limit on North Riondel Road, with item 8.4 Moving Post Office and Rental Charges being considered at this time.

8.4 Moving Post Office and Rental Charges

Chair Panio provided a verbal report to the Commission with regards to moving the Post Office to the Circle of Friends building and the rental charges applicable for this location, including that there is no update on this process from the Post Office, the determination of a suitable rental fee for that part of the building based on the stipend that Canada Post will provide for that location, and that Yellowhead Road and Bridge (YRB) is required to plow to the road only as far as the Circle of Friends building but not through the entire loop

8.5 Library rental charge for 2021

Chair Panio led the Commission in a discussion on the recommendation to charge the library 75% of its regular annual rental fee based on reduced capacity to operate considering the closure of the Community Centre's facilities.

MOVED and seconded,

AND Resolved that it be recommended to Board that:

The Board authorize staff to reduce the yearly rental fee for the Riondel Library to 75% of the full rate due to COVID-19 closures of the Community Centre's facilities.

Carried

8.6 Electronic Speed Sign and Request for Information

Commissioner Cursons provided a verbal report to the Commission with regards to obtaining speed limit signs to monitor and identify vehicle speeds, including costs of over \$3,000 for a standard sign which posts the speed limit and monitors drivers' speeds. Chair Panio has contacted Jack Lensick, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI), requesting them to place a temporary electronic speed sign in the community and will follow up with him regarding signs and longer-term options for speed control. Commissioner Anderson will contact the RCMP to inquire if they can increase enforcement. The Commission will follow with a formal letter.

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUMRED

Item **8.3 Proposed Speed Limit Change on North Riondel Road** was considered at this time.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 The email received March 24, 2021 from Noelle Wilkinson, regarding speed limit changes on North Riondel Road, crosswalk installation at the public beach access and beach signage regarding motor boat use, has been received.

9.1.1 Request to Reduce Speed Limit on North Riondel Road

Chair Panio led the Commission in a discussion with regards to the different options for speed modifications, including extending the 40 km/h all the way to gravel pit or further to Tam O'Shanter Creek, and there were several good arguments for modifying speed the full length of the road.

MOVED and seconded,

AND Resolved:

That the Board send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting they change the speed limit to 40km/h for North Riondel Road all the way to Tam O'Shanter Creek.

Carried

9.1.2 Crosswalk Installation at the Public Beach

Chair Panio led the Commission in a discussion with regards to the installation of a crosswalk at the public beach access, including that the creation of a designated walking lane/bike lane on east side of Eastman Ave. from Riondel to the crosswalk may involve MOTI and an access permit. Parking issue along the road will likely be mitigated by the fact that the campground will be open this year, is increasing its parking capacity, and is developing a path along the creek which could be collaboratively used for public beach access.

9.1.3 Signage to Prohibit Motorized Boats Coming Up on the Beach

Chair Panio led a discussion on signage to prohibit motorized boats from coming up on the beach in the area between the campground and marina, including that the beach is crown land and would require a license to occupy which is hard to obtain. It may be possible to cordon off an additional area of the shoreline where boats are not allowed.

10. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal report including there are 6 parcels of land owned between the campground and marina and zoning information received from RDCK planning staff will be distributed.

11. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report on Commission expenses and revenues for March 2021.

12. PUBLIC TIME

No public comments.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next Riondel Commission of Management meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded, AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission of Management meeting be adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Carried

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1. The Board authorize staff to reduce the yearly rental fee for the Riondel Library to 75% of the full rate due to COVID-19 closures of the Community Centre's facilities.
- 2. That the Board send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting they change the speed limit to 40km/h for North Riondel Road all the way to Tam O'Shanter Creek.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

- 1. Lindsay MacPhee to schedule a meeting of the Building Sub Committee on Friday April 16, 2021 at 9:00 am via WebEx.
- 2. Lindsay MacPhee to request information from appropriate RDCK staff regarding water services and enforcement.

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

Future Riondel Commission of Management Meetings

- 1. Electronic Speed Signs and Other Long Term Options
- 2. Community Centre Planning
- 3. Moving the Post Office and Rental Charges