



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

June 6, 2023

IN-PERSON MEETING LOCATION FOR HYBRID MEETING MODEL

The following location has been determined to hold the in-person meetings for Riondel Commission of Management:

Location Name: Riondel Community Centre, Commission Office, Room #6

Location Address: 1511 Eastman Ave., Riondel BC

The facility listed above will be able to accommodate the remote requirements for the meeting.

Meeting Link:

<https://nelsonho.webex.com/nelsonho/j.php?MTID=m6f2ed336b61f6443c5ebb48e6b626023>

Toll Free number: 1-844-426-4405

Meeting Number (access code): 2770 280 0001

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner G. Panio	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner T. Wilkinson	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner J. Donald	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner W. Morris	Riondel
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STAFF

Lindsay MacPhee	Administrative Assistant - Meeting Coordinator
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5 out of 6 voting Commission members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 June 6, 2023 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted with the inclusion of items 8.6 Health Fair, 8.7 Riondel Seniors Name Change, 8.8 Resignation, 9.1 Correspondence item from Lorne Jensen.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The May 2, 2023 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

No Delegate.

6. PUBLIC TIME

Commissioner Panio called for questions from the public at 7:04 p.m.

A resident expressed concerns about a large amount of funds budgeted to purchase and install a generator at the water treatment plant, referring to the effectiveness of a sand filtration gallery which is also less costly, however this approach may not comply with Interior Health regulations. The generator is meant to backup the water plant's chlorination processes to mitigate boil water advisories and do-not-consume restrictions. Water purity in either source is not sufficient to run without the water plant processes. It was recommended to the resident that he contact Jason McDiarmid, Utility Services Manager, for further information on current water treatment regulations.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Basketball Equipment Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on efforts to equip the outdoor rink with basketball equipment, including that Director Jackman can donate one hoop, a plywood backboard and 4x4 lumber for one hoop installation. Advertisements can be placed in local media to find used hoops for donation or purchase. Commissioner Anderson will put an advertisement in the Pennywise.

7.2 Discussion of Rental Fees

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the discussion of user charges for the Riondel Community Centre facilities, including that annual rental rates will increase 10% in 2024. User groups have been notified of the proposed increase.

MOVED and Seconded,
AND Resolved, that it be recommended to the Board, that:

The Board approve an amendment to the 2024 financial plan from the S209 Recreation Facility Area A to include an increase in annual room rental rates for community groups by 10% for 2024.

Carried

Commissioner Wilkinson expressed concern over private individuals who are providing events that are of benefit to the community and are paying out of pocket for their rental fees. Commissioner Wilkinson will write a letter to Valley Community Services to suggest that they budget for the rental of community facilities for the Better At Home East Shore program.

7.3 Riondel Community Centre Roof Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the Riondel Community Centre Roof modification project, including that the whole roof is almost complete. Only finishing and flashing work remain. A loan was not needed to finish the roof, however looking ahead replenishing reserves should be a serious consideration. The capital asset plan is needed – an outline of the longer term maintenance plan - to help leverage further funds from Columbia Basin Trust (CBT).

7.4 Report on Mother's Day Tea

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report on the Mother's Day Tea in the Activity Room and Media Lab on May 14, 2023, including that the Senior's Association hosted the event to about 50 people and it went well.

7.5 Radon Testing for the Riondel community Centre

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the radon testing for the Riondel Community Centre, including that the numbers, so far, are looking reasonable. Testing may want to be done again in the winter to see how the results differ under a different ventilation circumstances.

7.6 Report on Playground Cleanup

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on playground cleanup work bee on Saturday, May 13, 2023, including that four people showed up and the playground was cleaned up.

7.7 Electrical Issues at the Old Riondel Recreation Centre

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the status of the electrical issues at the old Riondel Recreation Centre, including that the power was cut out during the electrical upgrades and Chair Panio has contacted Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services, to rectify the error.

7.8 Report on Meeting with Yellowhead Road & Bridge (YRB) Foreman and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) Staff

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report on his meeting with YRB foreman and MOTI staff, including that Commissioner Anderson and Chair Colin McDonald,

Operations Manager for YRB seemed receptive to discussing street sweeping, enlarging boulevard out front of Rö, the right of ways, dust control, and drainage on Campbell Ave.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Climate Action Plan

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal report on the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Climate Action Plan and process for community feedback, including that the RDCK has extended the public input period and further public consultation sessions will be scheduled in the future. A local group of citizens are holding a public discussion on June 20, 2023 at the Gray Creek Hall beginning at 7:00 pm. Commissioners and RDCK staff are invited to attend.

8.2 Discussion on Construction planning

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report on older construction plans for the Riondel Community Centre, including that a \$1.2 million dollar plan had previously been developed over a decade ago, and is now archived in the Commission office and available to Commissioners and interested residents. 49% of the Drainage budget has gone towards administration and no physical upgrades have been made to infrastructure.

8.3 Administrative Assistant Changeover

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report regarding changes to the Administration Assistant position for the Riondel Commission, including that the current Administration Assistant will be moving on. The Job posting has been reviewed and approved but has yet to be posted.

8.4 Stucco Work on the Riondel Community Centre Auditorium

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report on stucco work in the Riondel Community Centre auditorium, including that Commissioner Anderson will look into costs for stucco work.

8.5 Potential Tourist Signage

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report on potential help with tourist signage for the community of Riondel, including that the Riondel Commission was contacted by Leandri Kleinhans, of Kootenay Employment Services, regarding their wayfinding signage program and requested input on needed signage in the Riondel area. Chair Panio has sent several signage suggestions that would be of benefit to the community.

8.6 Health & Wellness Fair

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report on the upcoming Health & Wellness Fair, including that it will be held at Crawford Bay School on June 17, 2023 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

8.7 Riondel Seniors Name Change

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report regarding the Seniors Association name change, including that the group would like to leave the provincial Seniors Association and change the focus of their association by setting up their own

society called the Riondel Community Association to reflect their desire to be more open to all community members rather than a focus on the seniors..

8.8 Resignation

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report regarding a letter of resignation, including that Commissioner Morris has decided to resign from the Riondel Commission.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 An email conversation, dated June 3, 2023, from Lorne Jensen regarding the right-of-ways (ROWs) and removal of long term vehicles and RV trailers has been received.

Notable concerns included:

- Long term parking of RV's and trailers on ROWs
- Some of these vehicles are unlicensed, some are occupied
- Double parked RV's and vehicles side-by-side creating blind spots
- Impacts to safety and emergency response

A discussion followed, including that individuals with concerns need to bring them to MOTI, since ownership of the roads in unincorporated areas resides with them, as well, concerns can also be brought to Member of Legislative Assembly, Brittny Anderson. There may be an opportunity to approach MOTI effectively through their permit and land use policies to bring attention to items of concern.

10 AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal report, including that all items have been covered in previous agenda items.

11 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Revenue and Expense Report for April 2023 has been received.

12 PUBLIC TIME

No public comment.

13 NEXT MEETING

The following Riondel Commission meeting will be held on July 4, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

14 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Carried

Digitally approved via email.

Gerald Panio, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. *The Board approve an amendment to the 2024 financial plan from the S209 Recreation Facility Area A to include an increase in annual room rental rates for community groups by 10% for 2024.*

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. *Basketball Equipment Update*
2. *Insurance for Contents*
3. *User Charges & fees*
4. *Liability and insurance for activities on the outdoor court*
5. *Irrigation for the Riondel Ball Field*
6. *Electrical Issues at the Old Recreation*