



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

September 5, 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=m379e54c5c213884ee461a71aa5228417>

Toll Free number: 1-604-449-3026 Canada Toll (Vancouver)

Meeting Number (access code): 2770 495 0160

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	via Webex

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF

Roberta Van Steinburg Administrative Assistant

5 out of 5 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the September 5, 2023 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted with the inclusion of items 8.6 – Mobile Outreach Station, 8.7 – New Town Sign, 8.8 – Roof Repair on Tennis Court Storage Shed, 8.9 – Backstop Rebuild, 8.10 – Curling Club Letter of Support, 8.11 – Display Cases, 8.12 – Rental Rates

Carried

3. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The September 5, 2023 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

4. DELEGATE

No Delegate.

5. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 7:13 p.m.

There were two members of the public in attendance, but were there for informational purposes.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Riondel Community Centre Renovations Update

Chair Panio reported he has sent out an outline of possible approaches to the renovations required and is seeking further feedback from local residents. To date, there have been 4 responses. These responses will form the discussion for the meeting with the RCM, General Manager Joe Chirico, Project Manager AJ Evanson and architect Nelson Rocha. The meeting date is still to be announced. The hope is Columbia Basin Trust will provide significant funds for the renovations.

6.2 Emergency Preparedness Update

Chair Panio reported that with the record high fire season this year it might be a good idea to once again look into the idea of having the ferry as an option in case Riondel residents need to evacuate, if the road is not an option. Chair Panio asked Commission Wilkinson to consider building on his earlier evacuation work with a new approach to the government authorities involved. Also, it was pointed out that a Telus cell tower in Riondel could help with emergency preparedness planning. This is a topic later on the agenda. It may be worth talking to the MLA regarding these issues as well.

6.3 Outdoor Security Camera Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the camera system. After having discussions with Maintenance Person Evan Salmon it was decided it may be better to have hardwired cameras as opposed to wireless. The hardwired system would be easier to manage and maintain. Options and pricing are currently being explored.

6.4 Recycling/Refuse Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the recycling/refuse station. There has been a new attendant hired. Hopefully the service will be reliable. It was suggested to put up signage stating the Tip-It bins are closed for statutory holidays. Commissioners have been volunteering and opening these bins on holidays, but are no longer able to do so.. Also, a sign will be posted stating that if the station is closed, residents are not to leave any refuse or recycling at the site..

6.5 Radon Testing Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on radon testing. The testing levels in the Community centre are very low. More testing will be conducted in the winter months to see if there is any significant difference, but at this time of year it is very negligible. Chair Panio will also ask Evan to test other RDCK buildings in the community as well.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Suggestion for Playground Cleanup

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the suggestion brought forward for a playground cleanup. There is a young resident who is looking for work in the community. It was suggested to bring this young resident on either this year or next spring/summer to do odd jobs, i.e. weed the playground, arbour area,, , etc. The position will pay minimum wage. We will initially look at about 8 hours of work. In future, there may be some funding available for a summer student through various grants.

MOVED and Seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Nils will contact the young resident and offer him the position and if he is interested, Nils will provide direction on the work required.

Carried

7.2 Discussion of RV's and Water Usage

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the RV's and water usage in town. Chair Panio has found that there is a bylaw regarding RV's and water usage, however there is currently no enforcement of the bylaw due to shortage of funding and of staffing.

7.3 Installation of Hot Air Hand Dryers in the Washrooms.

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the installation of hot air hand dryers in the Community Centre washrooms. Chair Panio will look to get an estimate on the costs for the units and installation. The Commission was in support of this.

7.4 Installation of Acoustic Panels in the Band Room

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the installation of acoustic panels in the Community Centre Band Room. These panels were put in place by volunteers who use the Band Room.

7.5 Proposed Ferry Schedule Changes

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the proposed ferry schedule changes. The committee looking at possible schedule changes is looking for letters of support for this initiative.. The RCM supports the Committee's work and Chair Panio will draft a letter for the RCM to review.

7.6 Mobile Station

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the proposed B.C. Services Mobile Outreach Station. This station will provide basic government services on the spot, and will be housed in a mobile van parked outside of the Community Centre on the days the service is offered in Riondel.

7.7 New Riondel Town Sign

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the need for a new Riondel town sign. Nils offered to take this project on. It was suggested to check with Graphic Signs in Creston for a quote.

7.8 Roof Repair on the Tennis Court

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the roof repair on the tennis court storage shed. This work will be done by a volunteer crew, and the cost would be no more than \$1,000.00. Nils will provide direction on the work required.

MOVED and Seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the RCM approves this work to be done via a volunteer crew under the direction of Nils at the cost of no more than \$1,000.00.

Carried

7.9 Backstop Replacement

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the ball field backstop replacement. The RCM received \$4,000, 3 years ago to rebuild the backstop. A resident has offered to do the work on the backstop and has all of the materials and welding skills. Evan and James may assist with taking the old one down and putting the new one up. Once completed, a professional welder would be contacted to certify the work.

7.10 Curling Club Letter of Support Request

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the request from the Curling Club for a letter of support to the New Horizons for Seniors Program grant. The Curling Club is seeking funding to help with the costs of replacing the lounge roof of the Curling Rink. The RCM is in favour of providing the club a support letter, Chair Panio will pen the letter.

7.11 Display Cases

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding display cases in the Community Centre. A user of the centre has asked if it might be possible to have a locked cabinet at the front entrance where crafts could be displayed for sale. The user also asked if a display case in the lobby that is not currently in use could be used to display jewelry for sale. The RCM was in support, but noted that there has to be a limit on the size of the cabinet for access..

7.12 Rental Rates

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding rental rates for users. There has been a request from Community Connections wanting to rent the media room and possibly the gymnasium as well for a youth group. The RCM suggested offering the group the first month free to see how the program goes. In the meantime, Chair Panio will discuss with Community Connections (Jacqueline) to see what their budget is to determine what rate would be charged should they wish to continue the program through to February.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Telus – Cell Tower Initiative Revisit

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding revisiting the cell tower initiative. Two letters have been received from residents. The writers would like RCM to support and write to Telus asking them to reconsider their position. It is felt there is significant support in Riondel to revisit this initiative. Director Jackman noted that the main reason the tower was not installed previously was that the Federal Government said Telus did not fulfil their obligation to answer all of the questions that the residents asked of them. . Telus chose not to pursue the Riondel tower project, and has since invested in infrastructure elsewhere.

MOVED and Seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Chair Panio will draft a letter for review by the RCM to Telus asking them to revisit the cell tower initiative.

Carried

9. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal report. He recently attended a meeting in Wyndell on Climate Action Planning. The next scheduled Climate Action Planning meeting will be in Crawford Bay, Sept 11, 2023 from 4pm -7pm for community input.

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

No Items.

11. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 8:15 p.m.

A local resident had a question about the proposed ferry schedule changes around how they propose to staff it for additional times when they can't staff the existing schedule? It was suggested residents should attend the meeting in Crawford Bay and get more informed on the proposal.

12. NEXT MEETING

The following Riondel Commission meeting will be held on October 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and **seconded**,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Carried

Approved by

Gerald Panio, Chair