



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

# RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**7:00 PM**  
**February 6, 2024**

### **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.

### **COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

### **STAFF**

Teresa Johnson	Administrative Assistant – Meeting Coordinator
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**7 out of 7 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.**

### **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 February 6, 2024 Riondel Commission meeting be adopted.

**Carried**

**4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

The January 2, 2024 Riondel Commission minutes have been received as information.

**5. DELEGATE**

Christine Hamilton, applicant, provided the Committee with a verbal presentation in regards to the New Circle of Friends Society's proposed use of the old Medical Building. The space would potentially provide for a community Food Bank with consignment services (winter months only) and an art gallery in the summer. Winter occupancy would help to preserve the building. Garbage dumping is an issue with similar centers for which deterrents (such as cameras) may need to be used.

**6. PUBLIC TIME**

No members of the public were present.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**7.1 Welcoming Commissioners Donna Lavigne and Andrew Cop**

Chair Panio welcomed our new members to the Riondel Commission.

**7.2 Review of Highway and Cell Service Letters Submitted for Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Approval**

Proper channels of protocol were discussed. Community members can contact their MLA or government ministries with concerns. The Riondel Commission of Management has no power to issue letters without RDCK Board approval, which was denied in the case of the two letters proposed at the January 2 Commission meeting.

**7.3 Street Lighting Concerns**

Commissioner Donna expressed concern over the brightness of streetlights. Noted a lack of covers on bulbs which would normally shield some of the light pollution. Bulbs may be replaced with smart luminaires. Bulb replacements have been traditionally completed by the Riondel Cable Society. Moving forward, however, RDCK staff have requested that the Cable Society contact staff prior to acting on replacement requests. RDCK staff will discuss protocols with representatives of the Riondel Cable Society.

**Commissioner Wilkinson left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

**7.4 Riondel Community Centre Development Plan Report**

Chair Panio reviewed the Community Centre Development Plan. A joint meeting of Commissioners, RDCK staff, and architect Nelson Roha is scheduled for February 12, 2024, to review details and priorities of the proposed Development Plan.

**Commissioner Wilkinson joined the meeting at 8:03pm.**

**7.5 RDCK Budget Meeting March 5<sup>th</sup> at the Riondel Community Centre**

Meeting to be held in the Activity Room at the Riondel Community Centre from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Riondel Commission meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Riondel Commission Office.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 Seasonal Furnace Maintenance**

Chair Panio reported the control for venting on the auditorium furnace was corrected; however, inlet and outlet temperatures on ventilation may need to be adjusted further. Commissioner Cop offered to manage trades operating in building. Commissioners are encouraged to act as resources for the Community Centre's regular maintenance persons.

**8.2 Duct Cleaning**

Chair Panio will contact Kootenay Duct Cleaners in Creston for duct cleaning in the Riondel Community Center. Last cleaning was completed 5-6 years ago. Commissioner Cop will look into the possible purchase of higher quality filters for the furnaces.

**8.3 Water Line Break and Repair**

Recent water line break near the Riondel outside arena has been attributed to a poor quality line and quick valve shut off hammering the line. This is the third time there has been a break in this line and a solution needs to be found (possibly changing the valve or changing the line). Remainder of the curling season has been lost, and partial membership fees may need to be refunded. These challenges, along with escalating maintenance costs, could put the future of the Curling Club in jeopardy. Commission Anderson pointed out that substantial funding has gone into upgrading the Curling Rink's infrastructure over the past couple of years, and that suspension of Club activities would negatively impact the East Shore community in terms of health and recreation.

**8.4 Tailgate Flea Market Proposal**

Bonnie Anderson proposed to run a Flea Market in the Regional Park during the August long weekend. Her request for a regional park permit was denied without explanation. Director Jackman will follow-up for clarification.

**8.5 Garbage Tag Rate**

Possible need to raise ticket price rates to match transfer station charges. Suggestion made to encourage recycling and composting in order to keep bin usage lower and keep individual costs down. Further information to come from upcoming budget meeting. Garbage sticker rates to remain the same until the Refuse budget has been reviewed.

**Commissioner Wilkinson left the meeting at 8:44pm.**

### **8.6 Snow Removal**

Commissioner Lavigne spoke with Yellowhead Road and Bridge (YRB) over road conditions in Riondel following a large snowfall. She was assured that changes would be made to improve snow clearance.

### **Commissioner Wilkinson joined the meeting at 8:47pm.**

YRB will send a skid steer right away going forward for public access to essential services. Ainsworth Avenue will be cleared as an active school bus route. YRB should be contacted by citizens as concerns arise.

### **8.7 Request for Financial Statements for Streetlight and Riondel Regional Park Budgets**

Director Jackman shared budget meeting dates and board agenda posting location on the RDCK website. Administration will look into financial statement accessibility for Commissioners.

### **8.8 Rental Conditions for old Medical Building**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

To support an additional occupancy by the repurposed Circle of Friends Society with similar terms as the lease agreement offered in the past.

**Carried**

Christine Hamilton, Circle of Friends Society, will speak with RDCK staff about the logistics of the building use before proceeding further.

### **8.9 Change in Auditorium rentals for Riondel Community Assn act.**

Chair Panio reviewed new revenue management for auditorium rentals regarding regularly scheduled activities. Pickleball and dance previously charged as pay-per-use have changed to an annual membership fee with the Riondel Community Association. Past financial statements are needed to verify the impact this change will have on the Riondel Community Centre rental income. The Riondel Community Association has offered to compensate the Commission for some of the lost rental revenue.

### **8.10 Garbage Collection**

Commissioner Lavigne received a quote from Tip It Waste Solutions for curbside pickup service. Clarity is needed on how many houses are required to participate to make provision of this service viable. Will discuss at the next meeting.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Building Condition Assessment Report dated November, 1, 2023 from Roth IAMS Ltd., regarding the Riondel Curling Rink, has been received.

## **10. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Climate Action Plan is a current focal point. Funds from the Emergency Disaster Management Act may be available to support plans.

**11. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The January 2024 income and expense statement for the Riondel Community Centre was reviewed.

**12. PUBLIC TIME**

No members of the public were present.

**13. NEXT MEETING**

The next Riondel Commission meeting will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in the Riondel Commissions of Management Office.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

**Carried**