



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

August 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.

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Meeting ID: 916 8563 3286

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COMMISSION/COMMITTEE 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	In-person
Commissioner G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

STAFF

Teresa Johnson	Meeting Coordinator	In-person
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6 out of 7 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 August 6, 2024 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The July 2nd, 2024 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

No Delegation.

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 7:02 p.m. Seven members of the public were present and several items were discussed:

Riondel days report:

A member of the Riondel Community Association provided a verbal report. Events included a pancake breakfast, children's festival, fire truck & ambulance with volunteers on site, book sale, market, pool tournament, and the opening of the Circle of Friends. 70-80 children attended, and very positive feedback from the community was received. Misunderstandings about event coverage created issues securing insurance, but were resolved before the event. Having an overall organizer for Riondel Days and beginning planning much earlier will be instrumental to next year's success. There is interest to expand events to include a mister (provided by the Fire Department), movie night, parade, and baseball tournaments. Comments about the poor condition of the grass in the field were received from the public.

Public Cooling Center:

Resident caretakers have expressed that client homes have been very hot over the past several weeks. The closest cooling centers are in Creston and Nelson which are unreasonably far to travel to for relief from the heat. Cooling centers are provincially mandated, with 2 levels of access: One level for daytime-only use, and another level which includes overnight use with 24 hour staff on site as a requirement. Levels are determined by daytime and nighttime temperatures. Potential locations for a cooling center include the Riondel Fire Hall and the Ambulance Station. The inefficiency of the building envelope prevents the Community Centre from being considered as a possible cooling center.

Community Centre Heating and Cooling:

Heat pump installation in the Community Centre will increase public usability of the space. The art room is cold in the winter and hot in the summer which prevents the space from being used during certain times of the day. Heat pumps will be a consideration when building renovations are prioritized.

Riondel Water Supply:

Water supply is not provided to 5 properties on Ainsworth Avenue, and there is some question whether the infrastructure had existed to these properties in the past. Maintenance staff in Riondel would typically help with finding water lines, however this issue needs to be addressed through the Water Operations Department with the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK). Discussions regarding the payment of Water frontage tax should also be directed to the Water Operations Department with the RDCK.

Catch Basins:

Concerns about catch basin drainage & cleaning and fire hydrant maintenance were raised, and should be directed to the Water Operations Department with the RDCK.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Air Quality Testing

Commissioner Cop requested to see the report regarding the air quality testing that was completed in the Riondel Community Centre. The report is available for viewing in the Riondel Commission Office.

7.2 Duct Cleaning

Chair Panio provided clarification on the charges incurred from Kootenay Duct Cleaners for duct cleaning performed at the Riondel Community Centre on May 8th, 2024. The estimate received for service was \$1995.00, and the actual cost was \$2400.00. Kootenay Duct cleaners attributed this difference to an underestimate of the size of the job at hand along with higher than anticipated fuel costs. Future estimates will be accurate now that the size of the heating, ventilation, and cooling (HVAC) system, along with distance to Riondel are realized.

7.3 Ministry of Transportation Infrastructure (MoTI) Response to Request for sign in Riondel

Chair Panio reviewed the response received from MoTI regarding the “No Engine Brakes” sign requested for Riondel. MoTI has informed the Commission that they are no longer installing these signs, and are decommissioning existing signs as they become dilapidated. No new complaints about engine brakes have been brought forward recently and good driving practices have been observed by members of the public.

7.4 Entrance Hallway Improvements

Chair Panio led a discussion about the entrance hallway improvements proposed by the Art Club. Art club members would like to improve the appearance of the front entrance hallway with experimental, whimsical, non-permanent work. More support is being gathered from art club members, and members of the Commission are in support of this idea until the commencement of major renovations in the Riondel Community Centre.

7.5 Circle of Friends Hot Water Tank

Chair Panio has requested a quote for the replacement of the hot water tank in the Circle of Friends building, and is awaiting a response. Circle of Friends pays for their electrical consumption, and maintaining occupancy of the building will keep it from deteriorating. The Commission may consider selling the building in the future.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Welcome New Commissioner

Chair Panio welcomes Lynne Cranna on behalf of the Riondel Commission. Remote connection to meetings via telephone is available.

8.2 Village Water Supply

Commissioner Cop led a discussion on water supply. Discussions surrounding water conservation can be addressed with the Water Advisory Committee. Any observations of water misuse should be sent to the Water Operations Manager, RDCK.

8.3 Riondel Community Centre Renovations

Commissioner Cop led a discussion on the input that taxpayers have regarding Community Centre renovations. Plans have been developed based on information gathered from a past referendum, and from ongoing community input.

8.4 Report on Riondel Days

Rescinded: a representative from the Community Association has provided a verbal report during public time.

8.5 New Town Sign

Chair Panio led a discussion regarding a new town sign for Riondel. Designs and templates are being made available from Leah Kleinhans with Kootenay Employment Services. There is interest in adding gateway signs across the district starting with larger population clusters. The next steps are to receive quotes from fabrication companies, and approval from the Ministry of Transportation Infrastructure (MoTI). Members of the public expressed that improvements to campground signage are needed. Chair Panio will contact MoTI to discuss this further.

8.6 Minor Vandalism

Chair Panio rescinded discussion on the minor vandalism, as it did not escalate to the extent that warrants discussion. Users of the Community Centre are advised to check the north exit door for proper closure before leaving the building for the night.

8.7 East Shore Shed Rental Rebate Request

Chair Panio led a discussion on the request from the East Shore Men's Shed to have rent reduction in exchange for volunteer services completed at the Riondel Community Centre. They have been completing work in kind for two years. The continuation of work would have to be in a manner that does not displace employment that would typically be hired out. Ideas for possible projects include replacing the ballfield backstop, fixing the north exit door closer, and repairing or replacing the entranceway ceiling.

8.8 Grounds keeping

Chair Panio provided an update on the recent grounds keeping duties completed at the Riondel Community Centre. A contractor has been hired to temporarily help with caring for trees and plants during the dry season. There may be interest in moving dirt from the Crawford Bay Park to the baseball field in Riondel Park to improve the landscape. Planting and maintaining grass in the field would require more manpower and possibly the

installation of sprinklers. Working towards naturalization and drought-tolerant plants may be a more viable option. Conversation on this topic will continue at a future meeting.

8.9 Playground Safety

Chair Panio reviewed safety at the Riondel Community Centre playground. A child sustained a serious injury on the playground 3 weeks ago. Adding sand should increase safety by providing a softer landing for falls. A work day to weed and rake the playground will be scheduled for Saturday August 17th at 8:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to assist with this cleanup

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Commission would like to budget \$1000 for new sand for the playground.

Carried

8.10 Accessible Washroom

Chair Panio led a discussion regarding the creation of two accessible washrooms in the Riondel Community Centre. A contractor assessment included removing a stall and changing the sink arrangement in our current washrooms. A cost estimate for the project will be obtained.

8.11 Riondel Travel Trailers

Commissioner Lavigne led a discussion regarding travel trailers located in Riondel. Members of the public are leaving trailers on the side of the road, blocking alleyways, and placing multiple trailers on one lot. Currently there is no zoning in Riondel. Adding zoning would take approximately 2 years, and would provide an avenue for the RDCK to address the issue. Commission members can voice their concerns to the Regional Board. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

8.12 Riondel Commission Agenda Protocols

Chair Panio reviewed best practices regarding protocols that should be followed when submitting items for meeting agendas. When agenda topics are sent in to administration a short explanation of the intention of the item should be included.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

10. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal report. There is a need for an Emergency Support Services liaison from Riondel to attend meetings in Creston or remotely and provide feedback at Riondel Commission meetings. Commissioner Lavigne is interested in the position and is encouraged to speak with (former) Commissioner Wilkinson about his experience in the role.

Voyent alert is a system in place for members of the public to sign up and receive emergency alerts specific to the area they are in.

Holding a town hall on water services in Riondel is recommended. Presentations with data boards, cost analysis and background information on the existing water system along with possible improvements would be presented to the public. Water licence applications are being handled on a priority basis, and have been pushed off of the waiting list when not deemed urgent by the provincial government.

11. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chair Panio reviewed the financial service statements for Riondel.

12. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 8:55 p.m. 5 members of public present. Zoning may not do much to help the travel trailer situation in Riondel. Issues with specific properties cannot be addressed at Commission meetings. A scrap metal bin is available at the Crawford Bay Transfer Station, as well as recycling for soft plastics and Styrofoam.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next Riondel Commission meeting will be held on September 3rd, at 7:00 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Carried