



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING AGENDA

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7th, 2025

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In-Person Location: Riondel Community Centre, Commission Office, Room #6
1511 Eastman Avenue, Riondel, BC

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner G. Panio	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner J. Donald	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner L. Cranna	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner S. Downing	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner M. Stevely	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner S. Horwood	Riondel	In-person
G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

STAFF

Cheryl Wright

Meeting Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Panio called the meeting to order at ____ 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 October 7th, 2025 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried/Defeated/Referred

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The September 2, 2025 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

There is not a Delegation scheduled for this Commission meeting.

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at _____ p.m.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Fibre Optics at the Riondel Community Centre

Commissioner Stevely to provide Commission with an update on the Fibre Optics at the Riondel Community Centre.

7.2 Community Centre Renovation meeting with Riondel Community Centre Groups

Chair Panio to update the Commission on the Community Centre Renovations meeting and recommendations.

7.3 Old Recreation Building Update

Chair Panio to update the Commission on the roofing issue at the old Recreation building.

7.4 Review of the Riondel water Line and drainage work

Chair Panio to update the commission on the water line and drainage work.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Fall Frolic

Chair Panio to update the Commission on this event to be held on October 4th from 6 pm – 11 pm in the Auditorium at the Riondel Community Centre.

8.2 COVID AND FLU Immunization Clinic

Chair Panio to update the Commission on this event scheduled for November 21st from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm in the Media Lab at the Riondel Community Centre.

8.3 “What is Dementia” Alzheimer’s Society of B.C. Workshop

Chair Panio to update the Commission on this event is scheduled for October 29th 2 pm – 4 pm presentation to be held in the Activity Room at the Riondel Community Centre.

9. AREA DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Director Jackman to provide the Commission with a verbal update.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at _____ p.m.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Riondel Commission meeting is scheduled for November 4th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at _____ p.m.

Carried/Defeated/Referred



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025

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COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner G. Panio	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner J. Donald	Riondel	Absent
Commissioner L. Cranna	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner S. Downing	Riondel	Absent
Commissioner M. Stevely	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner S. Horwood	Riondel	In-person
G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

STAFF

Cheryl Wright
Joe Chirico

Meeting Coordinator
General Manager of Community Services

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 September 2nd, 2025, Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated with the inclusion of the following in items placed under New Business:

- 8.5 Old Recreation Building, 238 Fowler St., Rooftop Issue.
- 8.6 Dog Control Services

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, Riondel Commission, minutes have been received.

5. DELEGATE

There are no Delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:10 p.m., no public in attendance.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Fibre Optics at the Riondel Community Centre

Commission Stevely provided the Commission with an overview of the Fibre Optics installation at the Riondel Community Centre with an update to the August meeting presentation.

- Commissioner Stevely advised the estimate from contractor Brandon Turnock was estimated to be \$6,000 for wiring, installation of storage box and labour.
- Given the costs it was recommended he investigate other contractors.
- It was suggested that the Riondel Community Association may be able to source some grant money to help defray installation costs.
- Joe Chirico suggested Commissioner Stevely liaise with RDCK IT staff in Creston. If RDCK IT Services coordinate, plan and ensure that the installation meets RDCK standards RDCK IT services will support the installation. If completed in any other manner the installation will need to be supported by a third party.

7.2 Community Centre Renovation meeting with Riondel Community Centre Groups

Chair Panio to update the Commission on this meeting and participants recommendations.
(*see the meeting date below*).

The groups will review both (1) and (2) in their meeting as well as the long-term planning for the Community Centre options:

- (1) major renovations to the entire building, with a high-cost factor and uncertain funding.
- (2) ongoing maintenance of the building, with small-scale improvements, and with the understanding that at some point need for major repairs or upgrades may mean end-of-life for the current building.
 - Chair Panio informed the Commission that this meeting is scheduled for Friday September 12th at 1:30 PM in the Activity Room with Community Groups to discuss the two options listed above.
 - Chair Panio reviewed elements of the Structural Report on the Community Centre which still need to be addressed by RDCK staff and the Commission.
 - Director Jackman reviewed the variances depending on the use of wood or steel trusses structurally and the building structural snow load requirements.
 - Joe Chirico, RDCK General Manager of Community Services clarified that the requirement is 52 pounds per square foot applies to the Community Centre specifically as it is a site specific measurement.

7.3 Riondel Community Centre Sign

Chair Panio updated the Commission on the sign changes adding the sign has been completed. He and Commissioner Anderson met with Roy Huscroft and added the sign will be installed behind the boulder in front of the Riondel Community Centre.

7.4 Benches for the Riondel Regional Park

Commissioner Anderson updated the Commission on the type of benches recommended and reviewed the overall costs. Summarizing that the most affordable could be made by the Men's Shed.

It was noted by Joe Chirico that Cary Gaynor, Regional Parks Manager will need to be contacted regarding the replacement plans.

7.5 Budget Review for July 2025

Chair Panio updated and reviewed with the Commission the July Budget adding nothing stood out as unusual in the budget report.

- Noting payment for the new water lines and drainage are not yet included.
- The second concern identified was the Utility Budget which is now at 70% of the overall yearly budget for usage to date.

Director Jackman suggested small projects such as the new blinds in the Commission Office as well as other energy saving suggestions could be considered to bring down the overall utility costs incrementally.

7.6 Sound Baffles in the Auditorium

Chair Panio updated the Commission on the new sound baffles' efficiency in the auditorium, adding the baffles have significantly improved the room's acoustics.

Special thanks to all who worked on this project.

7.7 Thank You Plaque

Chair Panio updated the Commission on the estimate for a plaque adding the estimate is around \$60 so far and he has forwarded to the printing company a draft of what should be on it.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Riondel Community Centre Contractor's Quote

Chair Panio led the Commission in a discussion regarding the quote for the renovation work at the Riondel Community Centre, the estimated costs will be around \$85,000 to replace the Community Centre main entrance door, repair the ceiling in the entranceway, and repair stucco on auditorium walls. RDCK staff will be developing required documentation for the project to move forward.

Joe Chirico GMCS, Note not said at meeting - Any project over \$75,000 requires Board approval.

8.2 Role and Responsibility of the Riondel Commission

Chair Panio led the Commission in a discussion regarding the roles and responsibilities of the RDCK Riondel Commission expressing his frustration regarding the restrictions on the Commission's ability to provide support letters, and its recent exclusion from the interview and hiring process for Community Centre employees.

Joe Chirico, RDCK General Manager addressed the concern by ensuring that the Commission understands that the Commission serves the Board of Directors of RDCK and can only act in accordance with RDCK bylaw No. 2759, 2023.

- The Commission will be advised of employment postings and may have from time to time assist in job description review, will be notified when positions have been successfully filled however, hiring and supervision is the responsibility of the RDCK.
- The Letter of Support Policy 100-03-08 provided by the Board clarifies when letters of support are the responsibility of the Board and/or Commission.
- Information and Bylaws affecting the Riondel Commission can be found on the RDCK website.
- The Riondel Commission advises on the Riondel Facilities Service, Refuse Disposal and Street Lights as per Bylaw 2759.
- Joe Chirico, reviewed how to move formal request letters forward.
- Received correspondence will be forward to Director Jackman to present at the next RDCK Board meeting.

8.3 Outdoor Carpeting or Turf

Chair Panio led the Commission in a discussion regarding the need for outdoor carpeting or turf for the bocce court, adding we are looking for a donation of turf for the court.

It was suggested that bocce courts do not use turf but fine ground sand or crushed shells.

Director Jackman added there is soil set aside at Crawford Creek Park for dressing up some of the field that needs to be seeded and could be used for the bocce court as well, whatever is the easiest to maintain would work best.

Director Jackman and Commissioner Anderson discussed the option to get this done and will follow up on a solution.

8.4 Tractor and Snow Clearing

Chair Panio led the Commission in a discussion regarding the need for winter snow clearing for the Riondel Community Centre.

Costs last year were significant due to contracting out snow plowing, even with minimal snowfall. Consideration should be given to either provide a front-mounted snow clearing blade on our current tractor or, given the extensive and ongoing repairs which have been required on this tractor, considering the purchase of a new machine.

The Commission was advised that Craig Stanley and Stuart Durning are looking into this matter.

8.5 Old Recreation Building Rooftop Issue

Chair Panio updated and reviewed with the Commission the tarped rooftop issue at the Old Recreation Building 238 Fowler St.

Tarps that were put onto the roof some years ago have degraded, with pieces blowing off the roof in strips and littering the grounds around the building.

Commissioner Anderson had removed most of the degraded tarps last year, and will work with Keith Light, Riondel Maintenance Person, to safely remove some remaining fragment from the east side of the building roof area. No one is allowed on the main Recreation Centre roof due to safety concerns.

A volunteer crew may be needed as well for cleanup of the grounds around the building.

8.6 Dog Control Services

Commissioner Horwood raised the issue of dangerous dogs in Riondel that are not on a leash or secured in the owner's yard. Dogs have been charging out at passersby which is a frightening occurrence.

After reviewing service agreements in other Electoral Area's regarding similar situations she asked Director Jackman how to go about having such a service agreement in this electoral area.

Director Jackman explained the overall cost related to such patrols in other electoral areas that are much larger than Riondel.

- Example 1: 5 hours a week patrols at beaches contracted by Park Services are \$2,000 per month, adding that this is generally not a big problem but for a few dogs, usually a summer issue.
- Example 2: an area's monthly service fee for 5 hours a week patrols have a base fee of \$2,600 per month.

There are additional variable costs such as \$150/hour for emergency call out, \$100/hour for court appearances and various costs for boarding and caring for an animal which has been apprehended.

Director Jackman concluded the best practice is to report dangerous dogs to the Creston RCMP staff sergeant on warranted situations and report to the SPCA.

Ensuring reports are filed will support the apprehension of any dangerous animals.

9. AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal update on his research into property tax percentage increases over the last five years summarizing his review of the tax assessment average shift was 4.25% given no unusual anomalies but he still looking into this matter.

In general costs have gone up, the larger tax increments is a result of increase in market value.

- Director Jackman updated the Commission on “911” funding still being based on landlines, but cell service areas now can use text messaging in emergencies. We have a meeting with the Public Safety Minister later in September to raise concerns about the unfair burden of costs on landline customers plus property taxation, while cell phone users remain without a 911 tax.
- Director Jackman updated the Commission on concerns he will be raising at an upcoming meeting regarding ongoing Ferry Service recommendations focusing on Essential Service meaning no harm to the community and the need to have a predetermined course of action rather than a reaction.

Commissioner Stevely requested he put forward the need during job action for information at the picket line on both sides of the lake.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 8:22 p.m. no public in attendance.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Riondel Commission meeting is scheduled for October 7th, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

G. Panio, Chair