



## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

# RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**7:00 p.m.**

**February 3, 2026**

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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 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**

Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator
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**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 February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated:

**Carried**

**4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

The January 13, 2026 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

**5. DELEGATE**

There is not a Delegation scheduled for this Commission meeting.

**6. PUBLIC TIME**

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:04 p.m.

One member of the public spoke to the ongoing drainage concerns impacting private property and the surrounding area. His research determined that drainage system upgrades are required, as minor mitigation would shift the problem elsewhere. The issue was identified as a community concern with potential health and safety implications, and estimated costs and possible causes were discussed.

Director Jackman provided an overview of applicable by-laws and Service S165 Drainage Utility-Area A (Riondel), the role of the RDCK, RDCK and potential solutions and funding options.

The Commission expressed concern that the issue is not being treated as an emergency. Emergency designation might release extra funding to mitigate damage to affected homeowners.

**7. OLD BUSINESS****7.1 Riondel Community Centre Renovations**

An update to the Commission on the Community Centre Renovations (accessible washroom, storage rooms, community kitchen, hallways, basement clean-up).

Columbia Basin Trust is now working directly with the RDCK on this project, with an update from RDCK staff pending. CBT and local volunteers are eager to move forward with the proposed improvements to the Community Centre. Basement cleanup is complete, with additional work required following a Fire Marshal inspection. Ongoing communication gaps with the RDCK were noted, and a meeting is being planned to address those gaps.

**7.2 Problem with Drainage**

An update to the Commission on ongoing drainage issues.

**7.3 Administrative Assistant Position**

An update to the Commission on the open Administrative Assistant position.

No further information has been received since the last Commission meeting.

**7.4 Emergency Generator for the Community Centre**

The Commission discussed the potential use of the Community Centre as a warming station, emergency hub, or reception centre during power outages, along with generator options and possible funding sources. Commissioners will pursue this line of inquiry with RDCK staff and CBT representatives.

**7.5 Town Tractor**

RDCK staff have indicated that they do not see the purchase of a new tractor as a financially justifiable proposition at this time. The Commissioners would like to gather some further data regarding costs of repairs and contracted snow removal for review at the March Commission meeting.

**8. NEW BUSINESS****8.1 Fire Safety Inspection: Findings & Consequences**

Fire Marshall's report has been received.

All required items are being addressed, and a fire watch will remain in place until a fire alarm system can be installed or until a building closure is mandated. A second opinion has been scheduled to determine whether the existing fire panel can be brought back into service. Temporary system options were reviewed, but initial feedback from two companies indicates this may not be feasible, with additional information pending. Installing a new system was discussed, and concerns were raised about the ongoing stress on volunteers required to maintain the fire watch over a prolonged period of time.

**8.2 S209 2026 – 2030 DRAFT Financial Plan**

The 2026 – 2030 DRAFT Financial Plan for Service S209 – Recreation Facility- Area A (Riondel) has been received.

**RECESS/** The meeting recessed at 8:16 p.m. for break and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.  
**RECONVENE**

The Commission noted the requested line items for Capital Projects - accessible washroom, auditorium siding, entrance hallway ceiling repair, and fire alarms were not included in the draft. Improvements to the Community Centre playground were included and details of these improvements will be requested from RDCK staff. Commissioners will review the

financial draft and provide feedback to Chair Panio for discussion at the March Commission meeting.

**9. AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Jackman to provide the Commission with a verbal update.

Director Jackman updated the Commission on the potential closure of the Riondel Recycling site due to the Joint Resource Recovery Committee looking to decrease costs in the areas of waste and recycling collection. The Commission discussed the potential impact to the community and suggested a compromise of reducing service to one day a week for both refuse and recycling.

**10. PUBLIC TIME**

The Chair called for questions from the public at 9:07 p.m.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next Riondel Commission meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

**Carried**

Digitally Approved

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G. Panio, Chair