



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**7:00 p.m.
September 1, 2026**

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In-Person Location: Riondel Community Centre, Commission Office, Room #6
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COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

_ out of 6 voting Commission members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 1, 2026 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted as with the addition of items 8.7 – Water Treatment Plant Update, and 8.8 – Fire Alarm Update.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The August 4, 2026 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED The order of Business was changed due to public interest, with item No. 5.2 Delegate Dan Seguin, RDCK Regional Fire Chief considered at this time.

5.2 Dan Seguin, RDCK Regional Fire Chief, discussed the importance of the Riondel Commission's help in obtaining volunteer Fire Fighters.

Key discussion items included:

- The Dwelling Protection Grade system used to help calculate home insurance premiums.
- The timeline of when Riondel's grade was lowered and the requirements to increase it.
- The challenges of recruiting and keeping trained volunteer firefighters.
- Clarification of the Riondel Fire Protection Area.
- The potential for expanding the service area to attract more volunteers.
- The impact of wildfires on home insurance renewals and applications.

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUMED Item 5.1 Delegate Ken Payne, with Canada Post was considered at this time

5.1 Ken Payne, with Canada Post provided a verbal discussion regarding the upcoming Canada Post rental renewal.

Key discussion items included:

- The current post office location is no longer viable, creating the potential for it to close.
- The potential considerations/options of moving the post office to the Community Centre.
- Canada Post timelines and requirements.
- Existing precedence in other communities using public facilities for their post office.
- Ongoing challenges of Canada Post closing rural centres.

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 8:28 p.m.

No questions received.

ORDER OF AGENDA CHANGED The order of Business was changed, with item No. 8.7 Water Treatment Plant Update considered at this time.

8.7 Water Treatment Plant Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the Water Treatment Plant Update including:

- A part in the plant has been repeatedly failing, it has now been completely replaced and expected to last 10 years.
- Plant is fixed and operational but awaiting test results to officially reopen.

8.8 Fire Alarm Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the Fire Alarm including:

- The alarm has been malfunctioning for three weeks.
- The Chair continues to follow up on a timeline for repairs.

ORDER OF AGENDA RESUMED Item 7.1 Community Centre Renovations Update was considered at this time

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

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the Community Centre Renovations including:

- Reflooring complete in part of the storage room.
- Awaiting update on if an architect has been hired by RDCK.

7.2 Playground Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the playground including:

- The woodchips that are to be spread under the swings are awaiting pick up in Creston.

7.3 Rental Protocols

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding rental protocols including:

- The need to review the protocols and provide feedback.
- To be included at next month's meeting.

7.4 Streetlights Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the streetlights including:

- RDCK will be replacing the lights.

- Anyone wanting to submit feedback on the style or type of lights can do so through Chair Panio.

7.5 Insurance and Fire Protection

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding insurance and fire protection.

7.6 Landscaping Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding landscape maintenance including:

- Hired a contractor for one day.
- Volunteers assisted for half a day.

7.7 New Tables and Benches for Community Centre Grounds

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding new tables and benches for the community centre grounds including:

- The Shed has offered to build 5 picnic tables at a discounted price.
- The Commission supports providing funding for the purchase of the materials.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Canada Post Rental

The Commission to review and discuss the possibility of establishing a Canada Post rental office in the Community Center.

Key discussion items included:

- Potential location for a parcel room within the Community Center.
- The possibility of adding post office boxes into the Community Center.

8.2 Rekey of Main Door Lock

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the front entrance door lock.

Key discussion items included:

- The number of existing keys throughout the community.
- The potential costs for various key options.

8.3 Emergency Preparedness Committee

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding the emergency preparedness committee meeting on September 10.

Key discussion items included:

- The Committee is not able to help with funds for generator at the Community centre.
- Committee does meet regularly, would be great to have a Riondel citizen join.

8.4 Stage Curtains

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding the stage curtains.

Key discussion items included:

- The need for the curtains to be replaced.
- The requirement that the curtain material be fireproof.
- The potential for the Quilters Guild to sew the curtains.

8.5 Roof Leak

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the recent roof leak.

Key discussion items included:

- A leak has been discovered in the entrance hallway.
- The cause has not been found and is still under investigation.

8.6 Bocce Court

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the bocce court.

Key discussion items included:

- The court is now seeing regular use.
- The possibility of adding outdoor carpet utilizing a recreation grant to prevent the regrowth of weeds.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence for this Commission meeting.

10. AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal update including:

- The initiatives and success of the Eastshore Transportation Society in obtaining funding.
 - Have obtained funding for a hybrid van.
 - Are offering an important service to the community.
 - The society needs more volunteer involvement to ensure longevity and continued access to funding.

11. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 9:03 p.m.

No questions received.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Riondel Commission meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

G. Panio, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. N/A.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED
AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Riondel Commission Meetings

1. N/A.