



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

Riondel Commission of Management OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 pm

August 3, 2021

Remote Meeting

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Panio (Chair)	Riondel
Commissioner Wensink	Riondel
Commissioner Wilkinson	Riondel
Commissioner Cursons	Riondel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Tremblay	Riondel
Commissioner Wallace	Riondel
Commissioner Anderson	Riondel
Commissioner Jackman (non-voting)	Director – Electoral Area A

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. The late start was due to technical difficulties.

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, farley

AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the August 3, 2021 Riondel Commission of Management meeting, be adopted with the inclusion of Item 8.7 Streetlight Maintenance Protocol and Item 8.8 RCMP Presence and Highway Traffic before circulation.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The July 6, 2021 Riondel Commission of Management minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

There were no Delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

6. PUBLIC TIME

Two Riondel residents, expressed concerns over the state of emergency evacuation plans for the town in the event that the South Highway exit route was to be cut off. The main concern was the identification and evacuation of residents who have mobility issues and medical concerns such as oxygen tanks. Creation of a phone tree was suggested, as well as contact with Jones Boys Marina to facilitate evacuation by boat. Commissioner Wilkinson explained that he was continuing to work on details of evacuation by ferry from Galena Bay, but was waiting for responses from Legacy and Teck. He said that the Riondel Boat Club had access to 86 boats, but their usefulness depended entirely upon lake conditions in regards to safety. Commissioner Wilkinson is also looking for funding to build the ramps needed to use the ferry as an evacuation vessel. Commissioner Cursons could assist him in liaising with Teck. Commissioner Wilkinson also explained that the emergency management efforts were meeting resistance from some residents, who felt that the risks were being overstated. Michael Jones and Liz Barbour volunteered to help with emergency planning, and will meet with Commissioner Wilkinson.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Update on Emergency Preparedness

This item was covered during Public Time.

7.2 Motion to Request the Board Send A Letter to Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure Regarding the Condition of Riondel Road South.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Board send a letter to Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure requesting maintenance be done on the Riondel South Highway, from the Highway 3A Junction through to Aspen Road on the north end of the Village.

Carried

7.3 Motion to Request Loan to Repair Community Centre Roof

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the following recommendation **BE REFERRED** to the September 7, 2021 meeting:

That the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay authorizes up to \$200,000 be borrowed, under Section 403 of the *Local Government Act*, from the Municipal Finance Authority, for the purpose of the repair and maintenance to the Riondel Community Centre roof, and that the loan be repaid within 5 years, with no rights of renewal;

AND FURTHER, the costs be funded from Recreation Facility Area A (Riondel) Service S209.

Carried

7.4 Report on Community Centre planning

Chair Panio reported that the Commission was working on a Community Centre Revitalization plan, the first step of which is a survey of users and residents to update earlier studies of suggestions to optimize Community Centre use. The results of this survey update will be a general proposal which will be used to obtain Columbia Basin Trust support for the hiring of an architect to review revitalization work that could be done if we were able to leverage some short-term taxation to obtain larger grants from provincial and federal sources.

7.5 Progress on re-opening Community Centre for public use

Chair Panio reported that he hoped to see near-normal use of the Community Centre in September, as provincial COVID health regulations are further relaxed. But the COVID situation remains a concern, and we will need to see what further directives may be issued by provincial health authorities. At the moment, the Community Centre is being used by the library, the Many Bays Band, the Art Club, and Pool.

7.6 Hiring of new janitor

Chair Panio reported that Jenn McCauley has been hired as the new janitor for the Community Centre. She will hopefully be able to begin work next week.

7.7 Update on North Riondel Road speed change letter

Chair Panio reported that the RDCK has forwarded the Commission letter regarding a speed reduction on the north Riondel Road to the Ministry of Transport. There has been no response to date.

7.8 Update on replacement of Riondel Regional Park backstop

Chair Panio reported that he was continuing with efforts to replace the Riondel backstop. It may be possible to use donated materials if they can be assembled by a certified welder and proper installation arranged.

7.9 Update on public noticeboard for water alerts

Chair Panio reported that the town could still use the public notice board that was designed earlier in the year, for the purposes of making notices such as water restrictions more visible. Our Maintenance Person may be able to build this during the fall or winter months.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Thank you to volunteers on Community Centre garden area

Chair Panio thanked Nancy & Frank Schmaus, and Joyce Madigan, for their exceptional volunteer work in pruning and cleaning up the garden area in front of the Community Centre. Chair Panio will talk to Jed Bowen about refinishing the pergola.

8.2 Letter regarding condition of South Riondel Road

This item was covered under 7.2.

8.3 Review of protocols for work on RDCK & Teck land

Chair Panio reminded the Commissioners that it is necessary to inform RDCK staff and Teck officials if any work is proposed to be done on RDCK or Teck land. Commissioner Cursons, stated that he is able to facilitate communications with Teck.

8.4 Boarding up of windows at the old Recreation Centre

The Commissioners agreed that all of the windows in the old Recreation Centre should be boarded up to prevent further incidents of vandalism. Commissioner Cursons, said that he had some old sheets of plywood that could be used, and we hopefully may find more recycled materials that could be used.

8.5 Proposal for even/odd day watering

Chair Panio proposed sending a letter to RDCK staff requesting that in the future the town used an even/odd watering system such as that currently used in Castlegar and Nelson. According to our Maintenance Person, this would take some of the strain off the reservoir given dry weather conditions and an increase in the local population. Although we have not yet had to go to Stage 3 restrictions, there has been instances of low reservoir levels. The Commissioner supported the idea of an even/odd watering schedule.

8.6 Possible repositioning of Thomas Hammill memorial & other heritage items

Commissioner Cursons explained that he wished to investigate the repositioning of the Thomas Hammill memorial and other heritage items from their current locations to ones more accessible to those using the town's hiking trails. It was suggested that Commissioner Cursons talk with Terry Turner, our local historian, and with RDCK and Teck officials. Commissioner Cursons also suggested the possibility of preparing a self-guided Riondel historical walking tour, similar to that developed by the Gray Creek Historical Society.

9. PUBLIC TIME

There was no further public input.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 The email dated July 9, 2021 from Sherlyne Green, regarding traffic issues at the Riondel Campground has been received.

Chair Panio said that he had contacted the RCMP about a more visible presence in our area, both as a deterrent to speeding and to minor acts of vandalism. The RCMP corporal with whom he spoke indicated the police had visited Riondel 13 times in the past month, but agreed to try to increase patrols if staffing and circumstances permitted. Some local residents have suggested temporary speed bumps on Fowler Street and Eastman Ave as possible traffic control. Chair Panio will contact the Ministry of Transport, through the RDCK, to investigate this possibility. Chair Panio will also follow up with the Ministry of Transport's Jack Lesnick in regards to a temporary electronic speed sign, as promised earlier.

11. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There was no Director's Report.

12. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Chair provided the Commission with a verbal report on Commission expenses and revenues for June 2021.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next Riondel Commission of Management meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission of Management meeting be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved – Via e-mail

Gerald Panio, Chair