



**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY**

**RIONDEL COMMISSION OF MANAGEMENT  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**7:00 PM  
April 4, 2023**

**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.

**Meeting Link:**

<https://nelsonho.webex.com/nelsonho/j.php?MTID=m6f2ed336b61f6443c5ebb48e6b626023>

**Toll Free number: 1-844-426-4405**

**Meeting Number (access code): 2770 280 0001**

**COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Commissioner G. Panio	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner T. Wilkinson	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner J. Donald	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel
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**STAFF**

Lindsay MacPhee	Administrative Assistant - Meeting Coordinator
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**4 out of 5 voting Commission 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 April 4, 2023 Riondel Commission of Management meeting, be adopted with the inclusion of items 8.3 Donation from the Oppen Family and 8.4 Initial Discussion of Revising Rental Fees, two items under Correspondence, 9.1 Letter of Support from the Seniors Association and 9.2 email from Lorne Jenson before circulation.

**Carried**

**4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

The March 7, 2023 Riondel Commission of Management minutes, have been received.

**5. DELEGATE**

Corporal Jan Ruefli from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) engaged the Commission and community members in a discussion on various points of concern, notable items included:

- Concerns regarding the perception that there are no rules in the East Shore area were addressed by the clarification that not all problems are criminal and Police do not address bylaw issues; gaps do exist between bylaws and the criminal code. With Riondel being unincorporated, roads are managed by Yellowhead Road & Bridge (YRB) who make decisions regarding safety and road traffic impediments. Road concerns should be brought up to YRB.
- The new Staff Sergeant is proactive and accessing funding for additional staff and hopes to resolve staffing issues by summer.
- Regular patrols may resume in the summer.
- At this time there is no funding for patrols and check-ins with community members and local hotspots to provide more visual presence of monitoring.
- Vandalism incidents require a witness or cameras to identify the perpetrator.
- Community members encouraged the RCMP to engaging the youth and build rapport through the Crawford Bay School and suggested activities like mountain biking, referring to the success of the Cops for Kids rides. This will be more feasible when staffing issues are resolved.
- Staffing issues mean that officers need to triage incidents and may not always be able to respond; priorities may be reassessed if new calls come in.

**6. PUBLIC TIME**

Chair Panio will call for questions from the public at 7:38 p.m.

A resident asked for an update on the water system as she is selling her house and has questions from prospective buyers. Letters have been distributed regarding water rate increases, any further questions can be directed to Environmental Services staff.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

**7.1 Riondel Community Centre Roof Update**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the Riondel Community Centre Roof tender, including that the contract has been awarded to Heritage Roofing, and early indications suggest they would like to begin work in early May to have it completed by June, weather dependent.

**7.2 Tip-It Bin Update**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding Tip-It Bin activities, including that Chair Panio will draft a public notice to remind community members that the honor system is in place and the convenience of the service could be lost if the system is abused.

**7.3 New Entrance Door**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding efforts towards installing a new entrance door in the Riondel Community Centre, including that the cost is approximately \$9,500 and that funding requests may have to wait until the fall application cycle. The Commission would like to thank Commissioner Anderson for his time and effort on this.

**7.4 Painting of the Riondel Community Centre Hallway**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding efforts to paint the main hallway, including that maintenance staff have done all the preliminary work and Jed Bowen is doing the painting. The bill will be around \$700 for the labor and the supplies will be covered in the budget. The labor will be paid for three ways – by donation, funds from the Art Club and the Riondel Service Area S209 budget.

**7.5 Media Lab Update**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding Media Lab activities in the Riondel Community Centre, including that the Media Lab's first opening night is Thursday, April 6, 2023, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. A resident expressed concern that this time frame is inaccessible to families of younger children. This concern will be brought to Media Lab volunteers to see if a more accessible option can be arranged in supplement.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1 New Assistant Maintenance Person**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report regarding the hiring of the new Assistant Maintenance person, including that James Croft is now providing support to Maintenance person, Evan Salmon. Evan has taken a small water systems course and he has reduced the cost by solving water issues without requiring on-site support from Creston staff.

**8.2 Services BC Mobile Office in Riondel Community Centre**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report regarding a request from Services BC to rent the Activity Room on a monthly basis to provide local access to services, including that they will be using the Media Lab on April 13, 2023 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm and will offer a host of services. Communication has been sent to the message channel and the seniors' email network.

### **8.3 Donation from the Oppen Family**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal report regarding a donation received in the Oppen Family name, including that Karen & Douglas Patching have sent \$500 in funds to go towards the Riondel Community Centre because of their family's many fond memories of their time in the Centre.

**STAFF DIRECTION** Allocate this \$500 donation to the Riondel Community Centre budget and provide the family with a tax receipt.

### **8.4 Initial Discussion of Revising Rental Fees**

Chair Panio led the Commission in a discussion on revising rental fees, including that previous rates are inadequate to address various requests. Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) report on User Fees and Charges and policy on Community Services Fees and Charges are good starting points and will help to set fees in the range of 30 – 35% of operational costs recovery, not including capital cost. Report on User Fees and Charges for Publicly Provided Parks and Recreation Services can be found on the rdck.ca website.

## **9 CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1** A letter of support was received April 4, 2023 from Jacquie Wallace of the Riondel Seniors Association, expressing support for the allocation of funds from the BC Growing Communities initiative to be put towards the Riondel Community Centre Roof project.

**9.2** An email from Lorne Jensen, dated April 1, 2023 regarding concerns about occupied RV's parked on the roadside was received. A discussion followed, including concerns expressed over the ambiguity of a threshold for action, the question of who monitors for health and safety concerns, and the impacts of unhousing people and homelessness. Individuals with concerns should contact Interior Health for health concerns and YRB about road concerns.

## **10 AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal report, including that if the Riondel Commission has any files regarding the original drainage system and its intention, he would like to review it, and there is an ongoing conversation with YRB regarding the ownership of culverts and ditches. Currently there is no agreement that the BC Growing Communities funds allocated to the RDCK will only go to rural residents but that issue is on the Board Agenda; however, it is not a substantial amount of money. Continue to plan to look after facilities for the next 5-10 years.

## **11 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Revenue and Expense Report for March 2023 has been received. Printer ink is expensive and a resident will provide a contact for a cheaper supplier. A significant change to the Riondel Service Area S209 Budget is the recently renegotiated property lease for the Ambulance station, which will increase 20%. Compared to the same time last year, overall Service Area Revenues are higher, but so are some expenses, leading us to a similar net expenditure for the first quarter of 2023.

## **12 PUBLIC TIME**

No public comment.

**13 NEXT MEETING**

The following Riondel Commission of Management meeting will be held on May 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

**14 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** and seconded,  
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission of Management meeting be adjourned at 8:49 pm.

**Carried**

**Digitally approved via email.**

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**Gerald Panio, Chair**

**RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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*Nil.*

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

***Future Riondel Commission of Management Meetings***

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- 1. Insurance for Contents*
- 2. User Charges & fees*