



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

September 3, 2024

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.

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Meeting ID: 910 2622 7866

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COMMISSION/COMMITTEE 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 G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner D. Lavigne	Riondel
Commissioner A. Cop	Riondel

STAFF

Teresa Johnson	Meeting Coordinator	In-person
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5 out of 7 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 3, 2024 Riondel Commission meeting be adopted with a correction to item 8.4 from Backboard Replacement to Backstop Replacement, and the inclusion of items 8.8 Community Centre Weeding, 8.9 Governance Issues, 8.10 YRB (Yellowhead Road and Bridge) Request for Road Access and 8.11 New Water Advisory Signs, before circulation.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The August 6th, 2024 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

No Delegation.

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:04 p.m. Two members of the public were present. Notable points included:

- Emergency preparedness information is available in the Riondel Commission Office, in a file prepared by former Commissioner Tom Wilkinson
- An agreement was signed with Jones Boys some time ago for the provision of water rescue services in the event of an emergency evacuation of Riondel.
- Kaslo Search and Rescue provides assistance with fire evacuations.
- Chair Panio will touch base with Commissioner Lavigne regarding taking over as the emergency preparedness representative for Riondel.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Circle of Friends Project Update

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Christine Hamilton with the Circle of Friends Society be granted freedom of the floor.

Carried

Christine Hamilton with the Circle of Friends Society provided an update on the consignment store and market project. Notable points include:

- The project is completely volunteer based with 8 volunteers donating 492.5 hours of service to date.

- Drop offs are by appointment only. More volunteers are needed to establish consistent drop off times.
- Funding is intended to go towards creation of a local Foodbank, hosting workshops, and providing other learning opportunities in the future.
- Donated refreshments are provided on site.
- Items currently requested are clothing and household items, with particular interest in children’s clothing and boots.
- Keeping a donation jar on site to help offset costs for replacing the hot water tank was discussed.

7.2 Circle of Friends Hot Water Tank

Chair Panio provided an update on the hot water tank replacement in the Circle of Friends Building. Electrical configuration for a hot water tank is 120 volt, whereas most tanks require 240 volt. This could result in higher replacement cost to obtain a matching tank. Don Horvath is looking for a smaller, less costly alternative.

7.3 Entrance Hallway Improvements

Chair Panio provided an update on the improvements made to the entrance hallway by the Art Club. The Art Club has painted the wall and turned the space into a temporary exhibition space. Experimental work is currently showcased. Thank you to the Art Club for improving the space.

7.4 New Town Sign

Chair Panio led a discussion regarding the new sign proposal from Leah Kleinhans with Kootenay Employment Services. Riondel is slated to get a new gateway sign. Community personalization can be achieved through the addition of a slogan, amenity description or both. Existing posts from the old Riondel gateway sign could be repurposed to install the infrastructure identification sign. Two quotes for signs will be requested, and the Commissioners will gather ideas.

7.5 Minor Vandalism

Chair Panio provided a verbal report on recent vandalism at the Riondel Community Centre. The playground fence ropes were cut. Aviation cable could be used as replacement but would be more costly. An estimated 800 feet of rope will be needed to repair the fence. Commissioner Anderson will cost out replacement options.

7.6 Playground Update

Chair Panio led a discussion regarding the recent improvements made to the Riondel Community Centre playground. Volunteers weeded, picked up 3 yards of sand from Creston, and used their personal equipment (skid steer) to level the new sand. The replacement sand was donated to the Riondel Community Centre by Sullivan Stone. Monthly inspections of the playground and Community Centre by RDCK staff are being proposed. .

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Riondel Community Association Display Case

Chair Panio led a discussion regarding the installation of a new display case outside of the Riondel Community Library. Commissioner Anderson completed the installation with

protective flashing. An idea to build in a section for businesses to pay a nominal fee in exchange for advertising alongside a peg board for public ads was discussed.

8.2 Repair of Auditorium Floor

Chair Panio led a discussion on repair of the small, longstanding area water damage in a corner of the auditorium floor. The floor was repaired by members of KLESMSS (Kootenay Lake East Shore Men's Shed Society), with 9 volunteer hours contributed.

8.3 New Tarp for Recreation Centre Roof

Chair Panio led a discussion regarding replacement of the tarp on the Recreation Centre roof. A new tarp is needed to minimize water damage. The existing tarp lasted 2 years. A suggestion was made to replace it with truck tarps due to their strength and ultraviolet light resistance. Maintenance staff will be consulted for sizing requirements, and a replacement from the Gray Creek Store will be investigated.

8.4 Backstop Replacement

Chair Panio led a discussion on the replacement of the backstop at the Riondel Baseball Field. Members of KLESMSS offered to help coordinate the replacement of the rusted backstop. Soil tested in close proximity to the backstop has recently tested as contaminated.. Two options for dealing with the contamination are to remediate the soil and invoice Teck Resources Limited for the work, or to ask Teck Resources Limited to remediate the soil. Further testing to the soil around the backstop will be done. Grant funding was used to pay for replacement backstop materials, and the Rec 9 Grant can be applied to cover the cost of concrete.

8.5 Canada Flag

Chair Panio led a discussion on the new Canada Flag ordered for the Riondel Community Centre. An expensive, longer-lasting replacement was purchased; however, our Member of Parliament's office is sending out a new flag at no cost.

8.6 Fibre Optic Update

Chair Panio provided an overview of the Fibre Optic work to be performed in Riondel. An email communication from KiN (Kaslo Infonet Society) has been received. Work has commenced at the water treatment plant, and crews will be working their way to the fire hall. The implementation of infrastructure to homes in Riondel is expected to begin in 2025. Discussions are ongoing with the Riondel Cable Society.

8.7 Commission Meeting Time

Commissioner Lavigne will propose a new start time for meetings. This item has been tabled, and will be discussed at the October 1st Riondel Commission meeting.

8.8 Community Centre Weeding

Chair Panio informed the Commission regarding the weeding completed in front of the Riondel Community Centre. Volunteer time was donated by a member of the public. A vinegar treatment was suggested for quick remediation in the future.

8.9 Governance Issues

Chair Panio, Commissioner Anderson and Director Jackman will be meeting with the Riondel Community Association to discuss governance issues. Anticipated questions will address the relative roles and responsibilities of the Riondel Commission of Management and other RDCK governance bodies, and clarification in regards to funding and rental policies. The meeting is to be held on Monday, September 9th at 1:45 p.m. in the Activity Room, Riondel Community Centre.

8.10 Yellowhead Road and Bridge (YRB) Request for Road Access

Vehicles parked on the road allowance are not allowing residents to adequately access their properties. Anything on the road allowance is Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) jurisdiction. The foreman for YRB, through MoTI, wants to start a campaign to cleanup Riondel road access in preparation for properly plowing snow during the winter season. A meeting with MOTI and YRB to walk/drive around the area to assess the situation, followed by attendance at our next Commission meeting, was discussed. Chair Panio will start the conversation, and will include the Community Association.

8.11 Larger signage for Water notice signs

Commissioner Cranna will contact the Creston office to ask for larger, more visible signs to display water notices in Riondel. The possibility of adding a sign that folds up/down when out of/in effect (respectively) to retain public attention was discussed.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

10. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal report. He will be travelling to Vancouver to speak with provincial representatives and Ministers. Major advocacy points to address include:

- Will speak with the Minister of Environment regarding recycling depots in the Regional District as Recycle BC is changing criteria for depots and as a result the Crawford Bay depot could be lost. Currently there are 12 depots in the RDCK including satellite depots costing \$1.7 million annually. Funding received from Recycle BC to subsidize services is \$336,000 annually.
- Will speak with the Minister of Water Lands and Resources regarding turn-around time for water licence applications. Some applications have gone 4 years before receiving a response.
- East Kootenay internet connectivity is lower than the BC government had previously recognized, based on reports from a major service provider. 7000 homes are affected, and major subsidy funding will be needed to increase speeds to acceptable levels.

11. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Chair Panio will highlight relevant points from the August financial service statement for Riondel at the next Commission meeting.

12. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 8:24 p.m. One member of the public was present, no questions were presented.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next Riondel Commission meeting will be held on October 1st, at 7:00 pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Carried