REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM
April 7, 2026

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=m379e54c5c213884ee461a71aa5228417

Toll Free number: 1-604-449-3026 Canada Toll (Vancouver)
Meeting Number (access code): 2770 495 0160

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner G. Panio	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner J. Donald	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner S. Horwood	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner M. Stevely	Riondel	On-line
Commissioner G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner S. Downing	Riondel	Absent

STAFF

Craig Stnaley	Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management
Evan Salmon	Meeting Coordinator

5 out of 6 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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the April 7, 2026 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted with the inclusion of the following Agenda topics:

- Item 7.5 Chair Dolly
- Item 7.6 Car Show
- Item 7.7 Thank You's
- Item 7.8 HomeSave

Carried

3. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The March 10, 2026 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

4. DELEGATE

There were no Delegations scheduled for this Commission meeting.

5. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:10 p.m.

A Patron requested information about removing some danger trees near her property, the following information was provided as a suggestion

- Contact: Yellowhead Road & Bridge (YRB) if the trees are on the highway right—of-way.
- Contact: The Ministry of Transport if YRB is unableto remove them.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Drainage Update

Chair Panio reviewed developments in regards to the town drainage issues including the following notable discussion items:

- A Strategy of adding dye to try to get a better picture of drainage patterns was completed.
- Ground-penetrating radar was also used to try to identify buried lines.
- Yellowhead Road & Bridge (YRB) is committed so some ditching and conduit work.
- The Riondel Community Centre Maintenance Personnell has been trying to create a more accurate mapping of drainage and water lines.

6.2 EV Charger

Chair Panio reviewed the installation of Electric Vehicle charger for East Shore Transportation Society van including the following notable discussion items:

- The Electric Vehicle charger was installed in the north west corner of Community Centre.
- The Electric Vehcile charger is not intended for public use.

6.3 2026 Budget Considerations

That Item 6.3 be postponed for item being addressed in item 8.4 Riondel Community Centre Financial Plan Amendment with Item 6.4 Riondel.ca and Riondel Commission Websites Update considered at this time.

6.4 Riondel.ca and Riondel Commission Websites Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the new updated websites including the following key notable discussion items:

- The old riondel.ca website as been updated.
- We need to add more links to useful organizations.
- A calendar is available which indicates all Riondel Community Centre activities.
- It was suggested that the doctors schedules for the East Shore Medical Clinic should be copied over as it is the most frequently accessed page on the Riondel Cable Society's message board.

6.5 Official Community Plan Update

Commissioner Donald initiated a discussion of the Official Community Plan (OCP)for Area A including the following key discussion items:

- Director Jackman noted that the Official Community Plan (OCP) functions primarily as a vision document and lacks regulatory authority without zoning. Portions of Area A have historically rejected zoning.
- An Area A OCP review is anticipated within the next two to three years, at which time zoning may be reconsidered.
- It was clarified that zoning does not affect taxation levels.
- Grey Creek's stated objective is to maintain its existing character while allowing for residential uses. RDCK Planning staff are available to provide public information on applicable planning tools.
- Director Jackman confirmed a willingness to engage with community members on zoning and related planning matters.

6.6 Community Center Renovations

Chair Panio provided an update on the following Community Centre reonations: fire alarm system, kitchen storage room, painting, maintenance office, basement clean-up, and paint room.

- Directors of the Riondel Community Association met with RDCK Manager Craig Stanley to discuss proposed kitchen renovation.
    - The renovation work will begin in January 2027.
- Painting for the hallway and storeroom has been completed.

  - New flooring will now be installed.
- Storage areas will be readjusted for more efficient usage.
- The basement has been cleaned up providing considerable storage space.
- The East Shore Shed is hoping for a Columbia Basin Trust grant for a paintroom.
  - A paint cabinet is being purchased.

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management joined the meeting at 7:20p.m.

6.7 IT Update

Commissioner Stevely provided a discussion pertaining to the Internet for the Riondel Community Center, including:

- The libray and other routers are running efficently.
- The Kaslo InfoNet Society is looking at supporting public wi-fi throughout the Riondel Community Centre, as well as installing an IP public telephone.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Orchard Pruning

Chair Panio provided the Commission with an update regarding the pruning of the Orchard, including:

- Chair Panio will investigate ways of having the pruning of the trees done by an Arborist.

7.2 Saturday Social

Chair Panio provided an update regarding the Saturday Social, including:

- The East Shore Youth Group is coming and enjoying the Riondel Community Centre for indoor games/sports.
- The Auditorium sound system has been tweaked for greater ease of use.

7.3 Training on New Fire Alarm System and Fire Alarm Drills

The Commission provided a detailed discussion pertaining to the Training on New Fire Alarm System and Fire Alarm Drills including the following notable discussion items:

- It is hoped that the new alarm system will be fully operational by April 20,2026 when an inspection is scheduled.
- The final cost may be in the $90,000 range, this money will be drawn from S209 Recreation Facility Area A – Riondel reserves.
- The electricians are still waiting for shipment of the new fire panel, which has been backordered.
- Once the new fire alarm system is in place and operational, the Riondel Commission will need to hold periodic fire drills at the Riondel Community Centre.
- An evacuation floor plan will be needed for the building, including location of muster point. Facility Manager, Stuart Durning may be able to provide this.

7.4 Riondel Community Centre Financial Plan Amendment

Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management, provided a detailed overview of the Riondel Community Centre Financial Plan Amendment.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved and recommended to the Board:

That the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S209 Recreation Facility Area A - Riondel, to Increase Transfer from Reserves by $95,000 and Increase Repairs and Maintenance Specified by $95,000.

Carried

A further budget amendment will be put forward at the May 5, 2026 Riondel Commission meeting to cover expenses on a range of small improvement projects for the Riondel Community Centre. Craig Stanley, will prepare this amendment and review it at the Commission meeting.

STAFF ABSENT: Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management left the meeting at 7:30p.m.

7.5 Chair Dolly

The Commission discussed the purchase of a Dolly, including:

- A Dolly will be used to move chairs into and out of the Auditorium.
- Wynndel has great dollys.
- Director Jackman will send us a picture of Wynndel's dolly and Commissioner Anderson will work with the Riondel Community Association on selection and design of the dolly.
- The dolly will be paid for through the Community Centre operations budget.

7.6 Car Show

The Commission discussed the potential of a Car Show at the Riondel Days, including:

- Creston Cruisers are interested in organizing a car show at Riondel Days.
- The Community Association is following up on this.
- Parking details would need to be worked out.
- At the moment, there is no one in place to coordinate all Riondel Days activities.

7.7 Thank You's

The Commission provided a sincear thank you to the following individuals for their donation and services:

- Nora Hurlburt for donating a filing cabinet for the Riondel Commission office.
- Scott Mitchinson, from Yellowhead Road & Bridge (YRB) for sweeping streets early in the Spring.

7.8 HomeSave

The Commission discussed the HomeSave RDCK program which supports residents with retrofits that save energy. Details of this program are available on the RDCK website.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There is no Correspondence to be added to this Commission meeting.

9. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal report including:

- Director Jackman explained that the RDCK is looking at implementing a Dangerous Dogs bylaw as a more effective way of dealing with dangerous animals than calling the RCMP.
- Some details are available in Director Jackman's article in the April Mainstreet newspaper.

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

There are not any Financial Reports to be discussed at this Commission meeting.

11. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 8:29 p.m.

12. NEXT MEETING

The following Riondel Commission meeting will be held on May 5, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Carried

Digitally Approved

G. Panio, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. That the Board approve an amendment to the 2026 Financial Plan for Service S209 Recreation Facility Area A - Riondel, to Increase Transfer from Reserves by $95,000 and Increase Repairs and Maintenance Specified by $95,000.

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

Future Riondel Commission Meetings

1. A further budget amendment will be put forward at the May 5, 2026 Riondel Commission meeting to cover expenses on a range of small improvement projects for the Riondel Community Centre. Craig Stanley, will prepare this amendment and review it at the Commission meeting.