



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 p.m.

January 13, 2026

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In-Person Location: Riondel Community Centre, Commission Office, Room #6
1511 Eastman Avenue, Riondel, BC

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Jenna Chapman	Meeting Coordinator
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COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel	In-person
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1. CALL TO ORDER

RDCK Director, Gary Jackman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 Times)

Member M. Steveley nominated Member G.Panio

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DECLARATION OF ELECTED OR ACCLAIMED CHAIR

Director Jackman ratifies the appointed Member G. Panio as Chair of the Riondel Commission for 2026.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the January 6th, 2026, Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated:
With the inclusion of the following items:

- 8.7 New Tractor (Generator)
- 8.8 Auditorium Rentals
- 8.9 Dog Notice

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The December 2, 2025 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

There is not a Delegation scheduled for this Commission meeting.

ORDER OF AGENDA The Order of Business was changed due to a member of the East Shore Transportation Society was present at the meeting with Item

CHANGED Item 9 (9.2) Electrical Connection for the Transportation Society's Van considered at this time.

Commission discussed the Electrical Connection for the Transportation Society's Van including:

- Looked at the wiring
- Approx. Cost \$5800
- The Costs are to be born by the Transportation Society, not the Commission

- Commission will investigate the possibility of having a public charging station at the same location.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved

That the East Shore Transportation Society be recommended to place a charging station next to the Auditorium.

Carried

ORDER OF AGENDA Item 7 Public Time was considered at this time.
RESUMED

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 7:04 p.m.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Fibre Optics at the Riondel Community Centre

Commissioner Stevely provided the Commission with an update on the Fibre Optics at the Riondel Community Centre including the following notable discussion items:

- Fibre Optics is Live
- Still some final tweaks to do
- Ordered a cabinet
- Vendors will be billing directly to Accounts Payable
- There is still some major work to be done ex: installation of wiring throughout the Community Centre to provide common access for all user except the Commission

8.2 Riondel Community Centre Renovations

Chair Panio provided an update to the Commission on the Community Centre Renovations (accessible washroom, storage rooms, community kitchen, hallways, basement clean-up, emergency generator). Including the following notable discussion items:

- CBT is finalizing communication and documentation with RDCK
- Two Estimates received for accessible washroom \$2810(Carpentry) \$3000 (plumbing)
- \$4228 for the plumbing was the other quote and did not include the Carpentry.
- They are looking at a Community Kitchen
- Basement area has been cleaned up
- Would like a generator, there will be great benefits in having a generator – Total for Capital is \$52,000 to purchase a generator
- The Riondel Community Association is spearheading the community kitchen project

8.3 Problem with Drainage

Chair Panio provided an update to the Commission on ongoing drainage issues including:

- Would like the RDCK take this over and drill a hole so it can drain properly
- Would like to continue to express concern

8.4 Administrative Assistant Position

Jenna Chapman, Administrative Coordinator with the Regional District provided an update to the Commission regarding the Administrative Assistant Position including:

- The hiring process is currently sitting in the HR department of the RDCK.

8.5 Fire Safety Inspection Report

An update to the Commission on the Fire Safety Inspection Report

- Re charge half a dozen extinguishers
- More Fire Extinguishers will be placed in the Community Centre
- Still need emergency lighting in the hallway

9 NEW BUSINESS**9.1 Tipping Fee Increases**

Director Jackman and Chair Panio lead a discussion in regards to the Tipping Fee Increase, including:

- Tipping Fees have gone up 2.4%
- Will not be raising the Refuse Tags

9.2 Electrical Connection for the Transportation Society's Van

Commission discussed this topic at the beginning of the meeting.

9.3 Drainage Infrastructure Reports from Highland Consulting

Commission provided a detailed discussion regarding the Drainage Infrastructure reports received from Highland Consulting.

9.4 Expedited RDCK Communications and Contracts

Commission discussed Expedited RDCK Communications and Contracts with the key notable discussion items:

- Would like this meeting to still happen with the RDCK
- Does not like that the Commission cannot waive damage deposits or fees
- Chair would like to be able to make these decisions

9.5 Capital Projects Line Items for 2026 Budget

Commission discussed Capital Projects Line Items for 2026 Budget including:

- Accessible washroom
- Siding
- Entrance Hallway Ceiling Repair
- Fire Alarms

9.6 Emergency Generator for the Community Centre

Commission had a detailed discussion in regard to Emergency Generator at the Community Centre.

9.7 New Tractor

Commission discussed their desire for a new tractor as they have spent a large amount of money on repairs and it is now unsafe to plow snow.

9.8 Auditorium Rental

Chair Panio led a discussion in regard to the Auditorium Rental including the following notable discussion items:

- Community Association is trying to modify their rental agreement to include the media room and the Auditorium to help with insurance.

9.9 Dog Notice

Commission provided a discussion on putting up a Dog Notice sign as they have received reports of unleashed dogs, the Commission agreed to hang a Notice asking Patrons to have all dogs on a leash.

10. AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal update.

11. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 9:31 p.m.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Riondel Commission meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

G. Panio, Chair