



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 p.m.
March 10, 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 M. Stevely	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner S. Horwood	Riondel	In-person

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel
Commissioner S. Downing	Riondel
G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A

STAFF

Jenna Chapman	Meeting Coordinator
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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 March 10, 2026 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated with the inclusion of the following Agenda topics:

- 8.5 Community Centre Calendar
- 8.6 Society Farewell
- 8.7 Communications with RDCK
- 8.8 Official Community Plan

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The February 3, 2026 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

There is not a Delegation scheduled for this Commission meeting.

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 7:03 p.m.

- Members of the public were in attendance and asked the Commission members a variety of questions.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Riondel Community Centre Renovations

Chair Panio provided an update to the Commission regarding ongoing renovations and improvements at the Riondel Community Centre, including the fire alarm system installation, accessible washroom planning, maintenance office repairs, community kitchen upgrades, hallway improvements, basement clean-up, and the installation of an emergency generator.

- **Fire Alarm System:** Installation of the new fire alarm system is scheduled to be completed by the 18th. Following installation, the system will require certification, which will take place on the 19th.
- **2026 Budget Considerations:** A request has been made for funding to be included in the 2026 budget to support exterior stucco repairs, installation of an accessible main entry door, the development of an accessible washroom, and additional upgrades to the Community Centre.
 - It was noted that the grant funding being received from the CBT should be reflected as a specific line item in the budget.
 - Even though the funding originates from CBT, it should still be clearly presented as a line item within the overall budget.
- **Maintenance Office:**
 - The ceiling repair has been completed.
 - Flooring will be installed by East Shore Shed.
 - Painting of the space will be completed by a local contractor.
- **Kitchen**

There is currently no update on the Kitchen.
- **Hallway:**

Conduits remain installed along the hallway and will be addressed as part of the ongoing renovation work.
- **Basement Clean-Up:**
 - Basement organization is nearing completion, with only one remaining cabinet left to review and sort.
 - Emergency procedures documentation has now been organized and relocated upstairs for improved accessibility.
- **Emergency Generator:**
 - Budget considerations are being explored to investigate the feasibility and potential costs associated with installing an emergency generator for the facility.
- **Drainage Issues**
 - The Commission received an update regarding ongoing drainage concerns affecting several properties.
 - To date, property owners have received no communications regarding actions to be taken.
 - It was noted that there does not appear to be a sense of urgency in addressing the matter.
 - While several factors may be contributing to the drainage problem, it was noted that the issue does not appear to be the fault of the property owners.

7.2 Administrative Assistant Position

Chair Panio provided an update to the Commission on Administrative Assistant position.

- Would like our new Administrative Support Personnel to work on the Riondel.ca website

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Report on RDCK Budget Presentation & 2026-2030 Draft Financial Plan

Commission Discussed the RDCK Budget Presentation & 2026 – 2030 Draft Financial Plan.

- The Commission noted significant concern that no funding appears to have been allocated for capital projects, particularly given the potential need to address this matter through capital investment.
- It was further noted that there is an unexplained reduction in annual reserve contributions from the current level of close to \$100,000 to projected levels of close to \$30,000. which raised concerns among Commission members regarding the status and availability of these reserves.
- The Commission expressed a desire to receive clarification and additional information regarding the apparent drastic reduction of reserve funding and the allocation of funds for capital expenditures.
- The Chair expressed concern regarding the current accounting approach, noting that expenditures that should be attributed to capital reserves appear to be reflected within the operating budget, which may not accurately represent the intended use of funds.

8.2 Proposed Second Handicapped Parking Space

- Commissioners confirmed that a second handicapped parking space will be assigned near the main entrance to the Community Centre

8.3 Community Centre Rentals for 2026

- Auditorium and the Media LAB will be rented by the Riondel Community Association (RCA) and they will now increase their rental amount to \$5000. This helps with the revenue lost from user fees for activities. and will allow regular RCA-sponsored activities in these areas to be covered by RCA insurance.

8.4 Report on Water Line Repairs & Small Water System Certification

- Keith's job is very demanding, he had to deal with two water emergencies. A household needed an emergency water shut off and a standpipe was damaged near the Tennis Court.
- Keith received his Level 1 Small Water Treatment Plant certification.

8.5 Riondel Calendar

- On the Riondel Commission website (commission.riondel.ca), there is an Events Calendar listing the times of all current activities & programs at the Community Centre.

8.6 Society Farewell

- The question was asked if we or the RCA wanted to do a thank you for the Cable Society for all of the volunteer work they have done over the years, but this is not what the Society wants. We could send them personal thank you for all their many years of service.

8.7 Communications RDCK

Commissioner Panio provided the Commission with a brief overview of the Communication with RDCK including his time spent at former General Manager of Community Services retirement party and how the RDCK has promised to connect pertaining to communication. The Commission and Riondel Community Association representatives would like to sit down with the following RDCK Staff members: Craig Stanley, Stuart Durning and Trisha Davison

8.8 Official Community Plan

- Difficulties for creating rules in Riondel given lack of by-laws & enforcement
- Concerns with lowering of property values
- Review needed of existing Official Community Plan
- Residents need to ensure that formal complaints are made in cases where by-laws exist (e.g. dangerous animals, unsightly properties)

9. AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman to provide the Commission with a verbal update.

- Director Jackman is not in attendance at this Commission meeting.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 7:40 p.m.

- If the Riondel Community Association can move ahead with the Electrical work in the Community Centre kitchen– To Craig Stanley

11. NEXT MEETING

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

G. Panio, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. N/A

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

Future Riondel Commission Meetings

1. N/A