



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

May 5, 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

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	In-person
Commissioner G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner S. Downing	Riondel	Absent
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STAFF

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

Missing

6 out of 7 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.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the May 5, 2026 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted, with the inclusion of the following Agenda items:

- 7 (7.6) Riondel Sign
- 7 (7.7) Streetlights

Carried

3. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The April 7, 2026, Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

4. DELEGATE

There were no Delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

5. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:15 p.m.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Drainage Update

Chair Panio provided an update on recent developments related to municipal drainage issues including:

- Director Jackman advised that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) intends to undertake remedial work on the Ainsworth Avenue drainage issue once weather conditions are suitable.
- Chair Panio emphasized the importance of more timely communication from RDCK staff regarding the status and progress of drainage related matters.

6.2 Community Center Renovations

Chair Panio provided an update on progress related to the fire alarm system, library storage rooms, and painting activities, including:

- Chair Panio advised that fire alarm system debugging is ongoing and is anticipated to be completed next week.
- Contractor diagnostics are still required; however, the system is largely operational.
- Third-party DHC monitoring will be implemented following completion; associated costs are not yet determined.
- Discussion occurred regarding whether enhanced security monitoring could be leveraged in conjunction with the new fire alarm system.
- Maintenance Technician Mr. Light completed re-flooring of the new book storage room and installed shelving in the Riondel Community Association (RCA) storage.

room. These improvements allow materials to be relocated out of the Commission office. The storage room is now shared between Mr. Light and the RCA.

6.3 Fire Alarm Drill

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on fire alarm drills.

6.4 IT Update

Commissioner Stevely provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the new Internet, including:

- It was noted that the panel installation is substantially complete and the fibre switchover has been completed; however, additional work is required to establish internet connectivity throughout the Community Centre.

6.5 Chair Dolly

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the chair dolly including:

- Director Jackman described a dolly design that offers improved ease of use and enhanced safety.
- Commissioner Anderson offered to complete the dolly modification upon its purchase by the Riondel Community Association.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Riondel Community Centre Financial Plan Amendment

Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management provided an overview of the S209 – Recreation Facility – Area A (Riondel) 2026 budget, including:

- \$55,000.00 was transferred from Reserves to fund the fire alarm panel projects.
- Implementation of the Asset Management Plan will require ongoing investment; however, efforts are being made to ensure the financial impact on taxpayers remains manageable.
- Engagement of architects is now required for upgrades to public facilities, including District owned buildings, resulting in additional project costs.
- RDCK staff reviewed the Commission's submitted list of proposed 2026 Community Centre projects, including associated cost estimates. A meeting with Commissioners and the Riondel Community Association (RCA) has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the projects in detail.

7.2 Logging on Derbyshire Property

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the logging above town, including:

- Approximately 100 truckloads of logs are coming off the hill directly above Riondel.
- Private land logging doesn't require community notification; however, Chair Panio will contact the trucking company and ask that in the future they inform the Commission of logging truck traffic in Riondel.

7.3 Theft at Community Centre

Chair Panio reported on a recent theft at the Community Centre, including:

- The kitchen freezer was stolen from the auditorium kitchen. It was further noted that the appliance has since been replaced through the generosity of an anonymous donor.

7.4 Ping Pong Table Donation

Chair Panio advised that he has donated a ping pong table to the Community Centre.

7.5 Financial Report for First Quarter

Chair Panio reviewed the financial report for local services for the first quarter of 2026 and provided an update on significant maintenance activities underway at the water treatment plant, including membrane replacement and intake system upgrades.

A discussion followed regarding the rising costs associated with recycling and garbage hauling services, and the long-term economic sustainability of maintaining service in Riondel. It was noted that trucking costs have increased substantially. Options under consideration include utilizing the Crawford Bay Transfer Facility in place of a local service in Riondel or reducing local service to one day per week. It was further noted that the RDCK continues to maintain a strong overall record of efficiency in recycling and waste management operations.

Commissioner Stevely asked for copies of financial reports. Chair Panio will forward these statements to the Commissioners.

7.6 Riondel Sign

The Riondel town sign might be replaced on existing support posts. Evan Salmon will create a design for a new sign.

7.7 Street Lights

Commissioner Stevely provided the Commission with a detailed update on streetlights, including:

- The Cable Society has replacement bulbs available but does not have sensors in stock. Clarification was sought on whether new street lights would be installed in the near term, or whether additional sensors should be ordered to facilitate interim street-light repairs.

Director Jackman advised that the cost of installing new community streetlights is estimated at approximately \$80,000 for basic fixtures, with dimmable LED options available at a significantly higher cost. It was noted that implementation could potentially be phased, with installation in half of the community at a time and financed through a short-term loan. Director Jackman further advised that he will follow up with Uli Wolf, General Manager of Environmental Services, to obtain additional information regarding detailed cost estimates

8. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter received April 25, 2026, from a Riondel Community member suggesting fire-smart trail cleanup on the trail from Hearst Ave to the campground has been received.

- Chair Panio explained how the Cedar trail is Teck land and a natural, wild area which encompasses a wetland. The trail is maintained by the East Shore Trail and Bike Association, and it is best that they be contacted about maintenance issues.

9. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal report.

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Income and Expense Statement for April 2026 was reviewed with the following discussion point:

- Director Jackman clarified that all rental income reflected in the statement is allocated to facilities funded under the S209 – Recreation Facility Area A (Riondel) budget.

11. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair call for questions from the public at 9 :15 p.m.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Riondel Commission meeting will be held on June 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Carried

Digitally Approved

Chair, G. Panio

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*