



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

July 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://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/99365439474?pwd=dt01B7UQVRpVgzCgb2t1woavUKcZ0w.1>

Join by Phone:

+1 604 449 3026 Canada Toll Free

Meeting ID: 993 6543 9474

Passcode: 528084

COMMISSION MEMBERS

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

STAFF

Evan Salmon	Riondel Meeting Coordinator
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6 out of 6 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 June 2, 2026 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted with the addition of the following agenda topic:

- 7 (7.9) Dog's Off Leash

Carried

3. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The June 2, 2026 Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

4. DELEGATE

There were no Delegates for this Commission meeting.

5. PUBLIC TIME

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

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Community Center Renovations

Chair Panio will update progress with the auditorium exterior walls, fire alarm connectivity, drinking fountain, arbor repair, paint storage cabinet.

ORDER OF AGENDA The Order of Business was changed due to this Agenda item being referred to in the Staff Report Riondel Community Centre Financial Plan Amendment with Item

CHANGED 8 (8.1) Riondel Community Centre Financial Plan Amendment being considered at this time.

Riondel Community Centre Financial Plan Amendment

Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management provided the Commission with a detail overview of the Riondel Community Centre Financial Plan Amendment report including the Riondel Community Centre renovations.

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 Decrease Repairs and Maintenance Specified by

\$95,000, to Increase Transfer from Reserves by \$75,000, and Increase Capital Expenditures by \$170,000.

Carried

**ORDER OF AGENDA
RESUMED**

Item 6.2 Playground and Arbor Cleanup was considered at this time.

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Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the playground and arbor cleanup including:

- Youth volunteers and chaperones from Dutch Harbour completed weeding and raking in both park areas.
- Improvements to the playground fall surface, either by installation of new surfacing material such as woodchips or by the regular tilling of the sand under potential fall areas to ensure safety.
- Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations, advised that funding opportunities are being considered for:
 - Improvements to the playground fall surface.
 - Construction of a new access route from the parking lot.
 - Additional site upgrades as part of a future improvement project.

6.3 Water Treatment Plant Update

Chair Panio provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding the water plant including:

- Water Treatment Plant parts are still available.

6.4 Drainage Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the town's drainage system including:

- Culverts will be lowered for better water collection.

6.5 Emergency Generator Update

The Commission had a detailed discussion regarding a generator for the Riondel Community Centre including:

- An estimate of approximately \$50,000 has been obtained to provide power to essential areas of the facility.
- Focusing any backup power solution on essential services, including:
 - Emergency lighting.
 - Heating.
 - Other critical operational needs.
- The importance of maintaining a designated warming area.
- Exploring potential funding opportunities through:
 - Emergency Services.
 - Kaslo InfoNet.
- Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management advised that he would contact the RDCK General Manager of Fire and Emergency Management

Services, to discuss potential funding opportunities and emergency preparedness considerations.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 New Playground Equipment and Playground Maintenance

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the new playground equipment and playground maintenance including:

- The new swing set is in transit and is currently in Creston.

7.2 Hiring for Landscape Work

The Commission discussed hiring someone for landscape work at the Riondel Community Centre or if this fell under RDCK staff duties.

7.3 New Picnic Tables and Benches

The Commission had a discussion pertaining to having new picnic tables built including:

- The East Shore Shed is willing to construct three to five picnic tables and two benches for the Community Centre ground and the Riondel Regional Park, but wants assurance that the cost of the materials will be reimbursed in a timely manner.
- Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management, will confirm the available budget with the Riondel Facility Manager.
- Director Jackman noted that project costs may be shared between multiple budgets, including the Regional Parks Service budget.
- The recommendation that new tables be installed on a prepared pad and secured with chains to help prevent vandalism, relocation, or damage by fire.

7.4 New Recycling and Tip-It bins hours

The Commission had a detailed discussion pertaining to the New Recycling and Tip-It Bins hours.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Board direct staff to review the reduction of service from two days per week to one day per week, including consideration of which day would best meet community needs, and report back to the Riondel Commission with recommendations. The current operating hours of 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. will be maintained.

Carried

7.5 Seeding of Playing Field

Chair Panio provided an update that the Playing Field has been seeded and is being watered.

7.6 Watering of Trees and Missing Gaiters

Chair Panio advised the Commission that the Gaiters are still missing.

7.7 Reduction of Hours at Riondel's Post Office

The Commission had a high-level discussion of the Riondel Post Office's reduction of hours including:

- Director Jackman noted that local government responsibility for door-to-door mail delivery is closely linked to Canada Post service levels.
- Concerns were raised regarding community mailbox capacity, as existing boxes are often too small to accommodate the increasing volume of parcel deliveries.
- Discussion highlighted staffing challenges in Boswell, where efforts to reduce compensation rates created recruitment difficulties and service pressures.
- Members noted the growing reliance on parcel delivery in rural communities and the significant impacts when parcels cannot be accommodated through existing Canada Post infrastructure.
- Concerns were expressed regarding capacity limitations at the Crawford Bay post office, particularly during peak periods such as the Christmas season, and the need for service improvements.
- It was noted that the Riondel post office may be at risk of closure. Members encouraged residents and stakeholders to communicate their concerns to Canada Post and other appropriate authorities.

7.8 Car Show on Ball Field

Chair Panio lead a discussion with the Commission pertaining the Car Show during Riondel Days and the parking of the cars on the ball field including:

- Creston Car Club is keen to do this.
- Is has been confirmed that this is something the RDCK will allow.

7.9 Dogs Off Leash

Commissioner Horwood advised the Commission that there is a problem with Dogs being off Leash and there was a recent incident.

Key discussion points include:

- Concern was raised following a recent incident in which a youth was reportedly attacked by an off-leash dog.
- Director Jackman provided an update on the proposed Dangerous Dog Bylaw introduced on July 2.
- Members noted that the RCMP remains responsible for public safety and that the bylaw is intended to provide a clearer process for addressing dangerous dog complaints and enforcement.
- It was emphasized that the bylaw would not alter existing laws or RCMP response times, and that RCMP staffing levels have not increased.
- The proposed bylaw would establish procedures for identifying and managing repeatedly aggressive or dangerous dogs, including enforcement measures where warranted.
- Provincial legislative requirements must be completed before staff can be hired to administer and enforce the bylaw.
- No dedicated taxation mechanism is currently in place to fund the service.

- Directors discussed the potential use of Area Director funds to support staffing on an interim basis while a long-term funding model is developed.
- Members noted that public assent would be required to establish taxation for the service, with implementation not anticipated before 2027.
- Potential grant opportunities may also be available to support bylaw implementation.
- Residents were encouraged to report concerns and speak directly with the RCMP Staff Sergeant regarding public safety issues.
- Chair Panio advised that Sergeant Brandon Bulziuk will be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss public safety concerns and bylaw enforcement.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence for this commission meeting.

9. AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal update on matters which are happening in the Community.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 8:40 p.m.

11. NEXT MEETING

The following Riondel Commission meeting will be held on August 4, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 8:45 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 Decrease Repairs and Maintenance Specified by \$95,000, to Increase Transfer from Reserves by \$75,000, and Increase Capital Expenditures by \$170,000.
2. That the Board direct staff to review the reduction of service from two days per week to one day per week, including consideration of which day would best meet community needs, and report back to the Riondel Commission with recommendations. The current operating hours of 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. will be maintained.

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

Future Riondel Commission Meetings

1. Sergeant Brandon Bulziuk will be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss public safety concerns and bylaw enforcement.