



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING MINUTES

**7:00 p.m.
August 4, 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 S. Downing	Riondel	In-person
Commissioner M. Stevely	Riondel	Online
Commissioner S. Horwood	Riondel	In-person
G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner N. Anderson	Riondel
Commissioner J. Donald	Riondel

STAFF

Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator
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4 out of 6 voting Commission members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Panio called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 August 4th, 2026 Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted as amended with the addition of item 8.5 Invasive plants.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

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

5. DELEGATE

Paula Bailey and Thomas Sohlber from the Riondel Community Park and Campground Society will provide the Commission with a verbal presentation re: emergency access to the Community Centre.

Key topics of discussion included:

- The previous windstorm leading to the decision to create an emergency management plan for the campground.
- The society has installed an anemometer at the campground.
- Clarification that the request is for access to the Riondel Regional Park field if a campground evacuation is required.
- Existing protocols the campground could utilize for their plan.
- The lack of an Emergency Services Representative in Riondel.
- Use of the Riondel Community Centre as an emergency evacuation resource
- Outhouse capacity.

MEMBER PRESENT: Commissioner Horwood joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

6. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:19 p.m.
No questions received.

7. OLD BUSINESS**7.1 Community Centre Renovations**

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the Community Centre Renovations including:

- Stucco work on the auditorium has been completed

- The roof over the north-side auditorium stairs has been repaired.
- Flashing from a previous project could not be used as it was incompatible.
- Landscaping has been completed.
- Ongoing concerns about watering the trees, discussion of installing a second exterior tap, or purchasing additional gator bags and marking them to help deter theft.

7.2 Playground Update

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

- Installation of new accessible swings is substantially complete, with installation of safety fill expected in the next week.
- Rotting logs surrounding the playground were removed and will be replaced.
- The playground area has been weeded.

7.3 Emergency Generator Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding a generator for the Community Centre including:

- Possible sources of funding.
- Potential cost of the project and which parts of the building would be powered by the generator.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Review of Rental Policies

The Commission to review and discuss the process of proposed rentals and if any changes are needed to the current rental rates for one-time use of rooms.

Key discussion items included:

- Existing rental fees and the need to review current categories.
- Liability considerations when renting for commercial use.
- The potential creation of separate public, private, and commercial rates aligned with RDCK policy.

8.2 Review of Riondel Days

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on Riondel Days including:

- Positive feedback received, the town was full of activity and events ran smoothly.
- Bocce tournament had strong participation.
- Discussion of assisting with the restoration of the old bocce pit, potentially funding an outdoor carpet for the project or locating some surplus turf that could be utilized.

8.3 Review of New Street Lights

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding the town's streetlights.

Key discussion items included:

- Ensuring the replacement lights match the colour temperature of the existing lights.
- The possibility of purchasing all the replacement lights at once vs purchasing them one by one as needed.
 - Borrowing plan
 - Storage of lights until needed

8.4 Insurance and Riondel Fire Protection Area

Chair Panio will provide the Commission with a verbal update regarding the fire insurance coverage of Riondel.

Key discussion items included:

- Reports from the public that their home insurance has increased due to a lower public fire protection classification.
- Reports from the public that their home insurance has not increased.
- The particulars that contribute to insurance rates.
- The Volunteer Fire Department requirements, number of volunteers, and need for more volunteers.
- Dan Seguin, Regional Fire Chief and General Manager of Fire and Emergency Management Services with RDCK to attend a future meeting.

8.5 Invasive Plants

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding invasive plants including:

- Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society is the organization to contact for assistance with removing invasive plants.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence for this Commission meeting.

10. AREA DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal update including:

- Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship is in the Kootenays this week
 - Director Jackman to discuss commercial water licensing issues

11. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 8:17 p.m.

No questions received.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Riondel Commission meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved

The Riondel Commission meeting be adjourned at 8:18 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. *Dan Seguin, Regional Fire Chief and General Manager of Fire and Emergency Management Services with RDCK to be invited to attend a future meeting.*