



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RIONDEL COMMISSION OPEN MEETING AGENDA

7:00 PM

Oct 6, 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:

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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
G. Jackman	Director – Electoral Area A	In-person

STAFF

Evan Salmon - Riondel Meeting Coordinator

7 out of 7 voting Commission/Committee 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 October 6, 2026, Riondel Commission meeting, be adopted.

Carried

3. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The September 1, 2026, Riondel Commission minutes, have been received.

4. DELEGATE

4.1 Constable Gerry Sliworsky, representing Creston RCMP, described current staffing challenges at the Creston office and listened to concerns of local residents. Reduced staffing means limited patrolling for the East Shore. Current high priorities for local RCMP are drugs and child trafficking. Enforcement of speeding and drunk driving violations on East Shore highways is challenging due to the delays in response time due to distance and to the winding nature of the highway which may not allow for safe pursuit.

Key topics of discussion included:

- Questions about insuring golf carts for use on highways. In years past, there was an option for licensing golf carts. This is currently not available in B.C.
- Concerns were expressed about young children driving golf carts through Riondel without adult supervision. Residents can parents with concerns, and may call into the RCMP with photos, video and descriptions.
- In response to a question about RCMP callouts for dangerous dog incidents, Director Jackman explained that a recent Dangerous Dog bylaw will assist in facilitating RCMP responses to complaints. A bylaw officer will be able to accompany RCMP officers and assist in the possible apprehension of dangerous animals.

5. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:32 p.m.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Canada Post Office Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the post office follow-up in the Community Center. The Riondel community continues to be concerned about the possible permanent loss of the Riondel post office due to difficulties in finding a new location for the post office, a hurdle which in turn makes it impossible for a new postmaster to step into the position. A new postmaster is responsible for providing the site for the post office and for any necessary insurance and infrastructure. Options are being explored for

possible new post office locations, including inside the Riondel Community Centre. There is already a precedent in Balfour for an RDCK-owned building to provide a lease agreement for a post office. The Riondel Community Centre could provide a stable, long-term solution. Other suggestions included a structure attached to the fire hall, the former Latter-Day Saints' church, and a local business. Riondel mail is currently being routed to the Lakeview store & post office in Gray Creek, a round-trip distance of almost 50 km. Postal delivery is complicated by the fact that community mailboxes and parcel & letter delivery are handled by two independent branches of Canada Post. Residents are encouraged to write to Canada Post to express their concerns, and to contact elected government officials.

6.2 Fire alarm Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the fire alarm, including, through two recent power outages, the fire alarm continued working with no errors detected in the system. Tratech Mechanical technicians are capable of maintaining the panel in the event of problems. The panel is still not calling to an outside service, and this lack of callout needs to be addressed.

6.3 Rental Protocols

Due to the length of tonight's meeting, this item was tabled to the next regular Commission meeting in December.

6.3 Roof Leak Update

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding the roof leak including, noting one leak caused by a roof drain being plugged with tree needles. Staff were resourceful in clearing the problem. This drainage line will be modified to make future maintenance easier.

6.5 Drainage Issues

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding drainage issues including, drainage work is currently being done on Ainsworth Ave. No notification of this work was provided to the Commission, to the Commission maintenance person, or to residents in the affected area. This lack of communication is a concern. Director Jackman indicated he had correspondence regarding other drainage work and would relay this to the Commission. Chair Panio will contact RDCK staff member Chris Gainham to discuss drainage work.

6.6 Picnic Tables and Park Benches

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update regarding new tables and benches for the community centre grounds including the following key discussion items:

- Six rotting park tables and benches have been replaced by Kootenay Lake East Shore Men's Shed with winsome cedar builds.
- Members of the public present at tonight's meeting expressed their appreciation for the Shed's work.

7 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Elections at Community Centre

The Commission reviewed the October 17th local election & October 24th provincial election including that there will be polling stations at the Riondel Community Centre for both those dates.

7.2 Volunteer Grounds Cleanup and Sign Removal

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the ground's cleanup by volunteers, including;

- Thanks to volunteers, the parking lot hillside was cleared to fallen branches and the old, concrete signposts were relocated.

7.3 Riondel Commission Account at Nelson District Credit Union

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on Riondel Commission account at the Nelson & District Credit Union including;

- The Commission is still waiting for direction from RDCK staff to either apply the contents of this account to current projects or to transfer the funds into the S209 service account.

7.4 Youth Group Rental of Media Lab

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the rental of the Media Lab room including;

- The East Shore Youth Group is renting the Media Lab for one year, to use as their base of operations

7.5 Alternative for Garbage Ticket Sales

Chair Panio provided the Commission with a verbal update on the garbage ticket sales including;

- Garbage tags are now being sold at the Riondel Reading Centre in the Community Centre.
- They are available any time the library is open: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 am to noon, and Tuesday from 2 pm to 4 pm.
- The tags are also available in the Commission office on Tuesdays from 9 am to 1 p.m.

8 CORRESPONDENCE

There is no correspondence for this Commission meeting.

9 AREA A DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Jackman provided the Commission with a verbal report including;

- Director Jackman will review the RDCK-Balfour Post Office contract.

10 PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 8:45 p.m.

A member of the public provided a discussion pertaining to the condition of the road to Riondel, key discussion items included:

- A vehicle slid off the road on the excess gravel from the recent chip-coating.
- Director Jackman said repairing the highway with recycled pavement may be some 10 years in the future. He speculated whether sealcoating of the highway may be a temporary measure needed to keep the road from deteriorating further, especially given more frequent logging truck traffic.

11 NEXT MEETING

The following Riondel Commission meeting will be held on December 1, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

12 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Riondel Commission meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

Chair G. Panio