



DISTRICT OF 100 MILE HOUSE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TO BE HELD IN DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday April 8th, 2025, AT 4:00 PM

	<p><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></p> <p>Mayor to call the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.</p> <p>Mayor acknowledges that this meeting is being held on Tsjescencúlecw.</p>
A.	<p><u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA:</u></p>
	<p>A1</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the April 8th, Committee of the Whole agenda <u>be approved</u>.</p>
B.	<p><u>INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS</u></p>
C.	<p><u>DELEGATIONS:</u></p>
D.	<p><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u></p>
E.	<p><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></p>

Community Wind Phone	<p>E1</p> <p>Requested by M. Gunn for Council to kindly reconsider the recommended location of the 100 Mile House Cemetery and monthly inspection duration of a proposed community wind phone.</p>
Better At Home – Walking Group	<p>E2</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the correspondence from Better at home South Cariboo requesting supplemented use of the community hall <u>be received</u>.</p> <p><i>“Further direction at the discretion of Council”</i></p>
Pickleball Equipment Donation	<p>E3</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the donation of pickleball equipment request from the South Cariboo Pickleball Association <u>be received</u>.</p> <p><i>“Further direction at the discretion of Council”</i></p>
F.	<u>STAFF REPORTS:</u>
Staff Queries	<p>F1</p> <p>Staff would like to engage Council and query their direction on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 60th Birthday Celebration ✓ Utility Fee Amendments
G.	<u>BYLAWS:</u>
H.	<u>OTHER BUSINESS:</u>

I.	<u>QUESTION PERIOD:</u>
J.	<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>
	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 8 th , 2025, adjourn: PM:

Subject: FW: Wind Phone

From: Madelyn Gunn <madelyn@ccfuneral.ca> **Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 2:54 PM **To:** Tammy Boulanger <TBoulanger@100milehouse.com> **Cc:** Meg <meg@ccfuneral.ca>

Subject: Re: Wind Phone

Hi Tammy,

Thank you for your consideration and feedback. I appreciate Council's thoughts surrounding the location and more frequent checks on the structure. I think that placing a wind phone within the 100 Mile Cemetery is a reasonable suggestion, though the cemetery location may not align with the intended purpose of spontaneous discovery and encouraging community-wide awareness surrounding grief and loss. Cemeteries are traditionally places where individuals visit specific grave sites or memorials, and the 100 Mile Cemetery is not very central to the many scenic walking trails and natural landscapes we have within our community.

I would encourage Council to consider the wind phone being positioned in a location where community members or visitors and tourists might come across it during their daily activities such as parks, trails, or other communal nature spaces, which would better serve the purpose of spreading awareness and providing unanticipated moments of reflection. Several communities have chosen to place a wind phone in a cemetery or memorial garden, which could be a meaningful option for 100 Mile. However, our community offers many beautiful locations that may be more frequently visited or easily discovered. In my conversations with 100 Mile Hospice, I received feedback indicating that the 100 Mile Marsh Trail or its vicinity would be an ideal location, as it serves a valuable purpose for the annual Winter Walks. As outlined in my proposal, an average of five people are affected by a single death, and I believe the proposed community wind phone would best serve the community if placed in a natural setting where it could be encountered organically, fostering greater engagement, reflection, and awareness.

As for the monthly checks, I am open to this frequency though I feel that every 2-3 months might be more reasonable. I would be happy to commit to monitoring the structure for the first 12-18 months. I also wonder if Council has considered a long-term plan for responsibility and ownership of the structure if approved. Nearby Ashcroft Council approved the Ashcroft Hospice Society's request to install a Wind Phone and the Village assumes ownership and responsibility for its upkeep. I am curious what Council thinks this would look like moving forward and for the future in 100 Mile House?

I am curious to learn what Council thinks of these additional details surrounding possible locations. With sincere appreciation,

Madelyn C. Gunn

Licensed Funeral Director



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Subject: Proposal for a Community Wind Phone Installation

To whom it may concern,

I am writing concerning a proposal for the District of 100 Mile House's support regarding the installation of a Community Wind Phone in 100 Mile House. This initiative aims to provide a unique and meaningful outdoor resource for those experiencing grief and loss in our community. Grief can impact every aspect of a person's well-being, and having a dedicated space in nature to honour departed loved ones can be an invaluable support to bereaved individuals.

Inspired by the original wind phone in Japan, this project seeks to create a simple, accessible, and comforting environment where community members can privately express their thoughts and emotions to lost loved ones. Many communities across Canada and beyond have embraced similar grief support resources, and I believe 100 Mile House would benefit greatly from the addition of this thoughtful initiative.

I am seeking the District's support and direction for any necessary permissions to install a wind phone at one or more of the following locations:

- Exeter Valley Accessible Nature Trail
- Centennial Park walking trail
- Other suggested location

I truly believe that this project will offer comfort to many individuals navigating the grieving process while fostering a sense of community support. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this proposal further and explore how we can work together to bring this resource to 100 Mile House.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and am available at your convenience for any questions or further discussions.

Sincerely,

Madeilyn Ewinn
Licensed Funeral Director



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100 Mile House Community “Wind Phone” Proposal

Mission Statement

To introduce 100 Mile House and the surrounding communities to an outdoor resource as an outlet for grief, and to promote holistic and supportive methods of coping with loss.

Overview and Goals

The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association suggests that on average, five people are directly impacted by a single death. Bereavement is defined as a state of loss, often caused by the death of a loved one. Grief is the normal and natural process one experiences after a loss; it can affect emotions, behaviour, thoughts, and even physical and mental health. An outdoor grief resource would provide bereaved individuals with the opportunity to work through their sense of loss, whilst connecting with nature and the community.

The concept of a *wind phone* is to provide a location in nature that allows bereaved visitors to leave a message, or engage in one-way telephone conversations with their deceased loved ones. A garden designer in Japan initially created the wind phone to help him cope with a personal loss. The unconnected phone was later opened to the public in the year following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami that killed over 15,000 people. This particular *wind phone* has since received over 30,000 visitors. Many communities throughout Canada and the world have been inspired to implement similar structures within their communities as a resource to the bereaved.

We live in a small yet diverse community and at some point, everyone will experience some form of loss. The death of a family member or friend can be devastating and affects many aspects of those navigating through it. The intention behind the *wind phone* is to offer grieving individuals a resource to assist throughout their grief journey. The *wind phone* might also have the ability to connect grieving individuals with others who have experienced a loss and have

used the *wind phone*. I hope to gain support from the community as well as the appropriate permission from the District of 100 Mile House, the Cariboo Regional District and if required the 108 Property Owners Association to install a version of a *wind phone* in one or more of the listed locations:

- Exeter Valley Accessible Nature Trail
- Centennial Park walking trails

Anticipated Cost, Funding, and Upkeep

The costs for the *wind phone* will be kept low, I hope to acquire a used wall-mount phone(s) and will have a small shelter built to protect the phone from the elements. Funding for a plaque and shelter supplies will be provided by 100 Mile Funeral Service. I plan to check on the location(s) approximately every 4-6 months and will assess if any maintenance is required. I hope that the resource will be respected by the public and that any kind of vandalism does not occur.

Concept Ideas and Resources



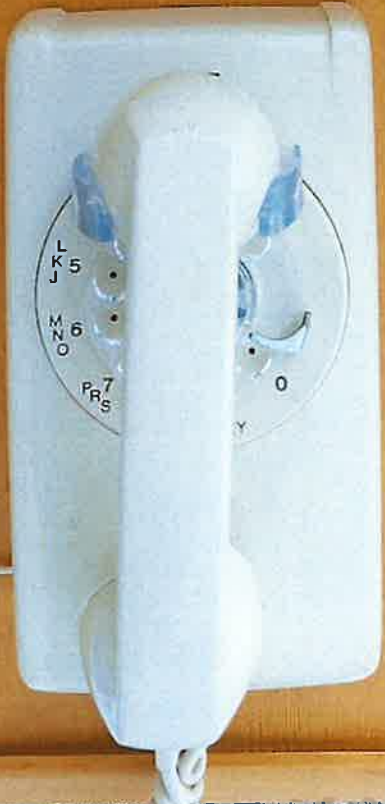
Deer Lake Wind Phone Article: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/wind-phone-grief-loss-deer-lake-1.6712982>

How to Support

If you are in support of this *Community Wind Phone* proposal, please be in touch 😊

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Though I've lost you,
I can hear your voice
in the silent echoes of your absence.
You speak to me through rustling leaves,
whistling wind and bowing branches.
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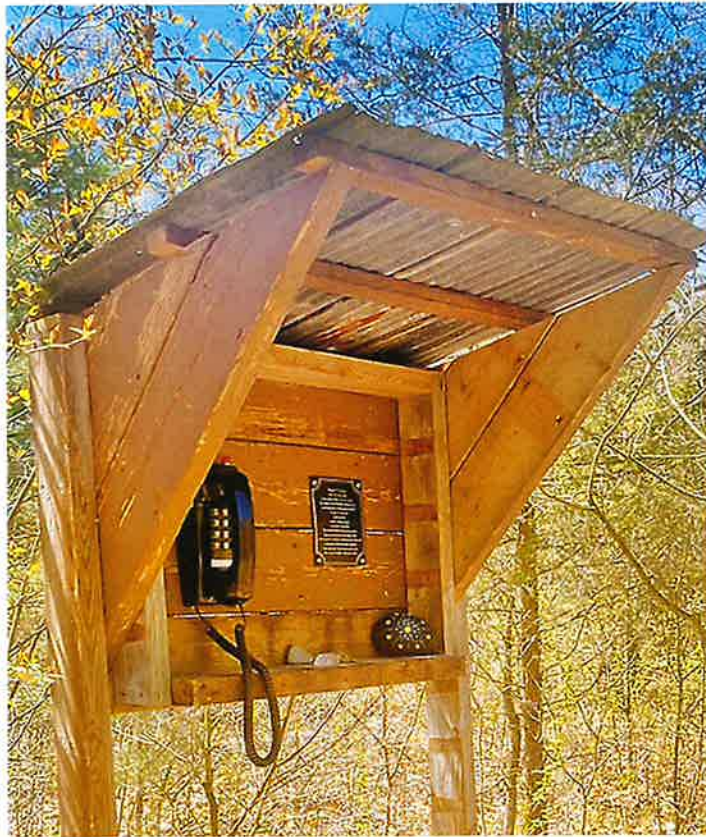
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These images are not part of the proposal, these are examples only provided by staff.





March 20,2025

From: Better at Home South Cariboo

Proposal: Use of Community Hall for a walking ring for seniors.

Attention: Mayor Maureen Pinkney and District Council

Better at Home South Cariboo is requesting the use of the 100 Mile Community Hall on Birch Avenue for a safe year round walking space for seniors.

I have had feedback from our seniors that it is a challenge to keep moving or get out walking due to snow, ice or extreme heat. Thus some seniors are losing their mobility and are feeling isolated at home alone during the long Cariboo winters and hot summers.

My vision is to play lively 50's and 60's music providing a fun venue for an indoor walking ring, which would be conducive to friendly social interaction while moving at ones own pace.

Everyone would be asked to bring a pair of indoor walking shoes to minimize cleanup.

My ask is for coverage or subsidy for the rental fee of the hall. We simply do not have the operating funds to pay for a weekly rental.

Where: 100 Mile Community Hall

When: Once a week, year round

Who: All seniors of 100 Mile House

I thank you all in advance for your kind consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Cindy Faulkner

Coordinator, Better at Home South Cariboo

To: District of 100 Mile House, Mayor and Council

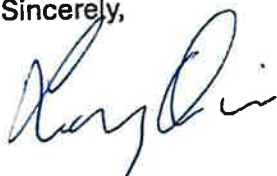
Date: April 3, 2025

Re: Request for the donation of pickleball posts, sleeves, and associated equipment to the South Cariboo Pickleball Association

The South Cariboo Pickleball Association (SCPA) has learned that the District of 100 Mile House has a set of pickleball posts, sleeves, nets, and associated equipment for 6 courts that it may not be planning to use. The SCPA has just received word from NDI that our funding request for building pickleball courts has been decreased dramatically (~\$145,000 down to \$50,000). We believe that we can still build a reduced size venue this year with the remaining funds, if we can get some additional grants and donations. One donation that would help greatly with our project regards the pickleball equipment mentioned above. To that end, we are requesting that the 6 sets of pickleball post/nets and associated equipment owned by the District be donated to the SCPA to be used in building our new venue.

The SCPA is a non-profit organization that is open to all residents and this donation will facilitate the construction of a pickleball venue that will be used by players from all over the South Cariboo. Increasing the number of sports that the areas residents can access will ultimately make the South Cariboo more attractive to people contemplating moving to this community.

Sincerely,



Larry Davis, Chairperson

South Cariboo Pickleball Association



Tomko Sports Systems Inc.
 165 - 6660 Graybar Road
 Richmond, B.C. V6W 1H9

INVOICE

Invoice No.: 18653
 Date: 04/14/2023
 Ship Date:
 Page: 1
 Re: Order No. 9987

Sold to:

District of 100 Mile House
 PO Box 340
 100 Mile House, BC V0K 2E0

Ship to:

District of 100 Mile House
 #2 - 385 Horse Lake Rd
 100 Mile House, BC V0K 2E0
 Attn: Todd Conway & Tammy Boulanger

Business No.:

Item No.	Unit	Quantity	Description	Tax	Unit Price	Amount
TP-PREMPB	Pair	6	Premier 3" Round Pickleball Posts - BLACK	GP	756.30	4,537.80
TN-GS24	Pair	6	Steel Ground Sleeves - 3" OD Round	GP	95.00	570.00
TN-ANCHOR	Each	6	Center Tie-Down Anchor	GP	25.00	150.00
TN-QKSET	Each	6	Velcro Center Strap	GP	25.00	150.00
TP-HDPN	Each	6	HD Outdoor Pickleball Net - 21'9" x 32"	GP	235.00	1,410.00
FR-GEN	Each	1	Shipping	G	350.00	350.00
Subtotal:						7,167.80
G - GST @ 5%						
GP - GST @ 5% & PST @ 7%						
GST						358.39
PST						477.25
Tomko Sports Systems Inc. GST: #877443564 Tomko Sports Systems Inc. PST: #1007-5286						
Shipped By: _____ Tracking Number: _____					Total Amount	8,003.44
Terms: Net 30. Due 05/14/2023.					Amount Paid	0.00
Comment: Not all items eligible for return. Some items may be subject to a restocking fee.					Amount Owing	8,003.44
Sold By: _____						