

Youth Initiative Presentation:

Who We Are:

100 Mile Youth Initiative. A fully insured and Provincially Registered Project of Groundwork Community Service Cooperative.

Our Goals:

Long term:

1. To increase healthy-living community spaces
 - inclusive & accessible
 - promote physical activity & all age engagement.
2. To contribute to revitalization in our Regional Core - 100 Mile House.

Short term:

Today we are asking for:

- Resolution from Council as we pursue development of a professionally designed and constructed Plaza and Skate Spot
- That the 100 Mile District supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust (and other funds as identified) by Groundwork Community Service Cooperative for the 100 Mile Youth Initiative

Location:

To be determined - preliminary site assessments of identified development locations to be provided by New Line Skate Parks Inc.

Cost:

Many factors to consider. According to New Line, average construction costs tend to fall between \$75-\$85/sqft throughout the interior of BC:

1500 sqft – 112,500 – \$127,500

3000 sqft – 225,000 – \$255,000

Price can vary quite a bit depending on things like existing site conditions, local materials, and design complexity.

Where does the funding come from? Main sources: Grants, Fundraising, In-Kind, other Community Support.

Initial Assessment of Potential Funders & Partners:

- Northern Development Initiative Trust
- B.C. Gaming Capital Grants
- B.C. Healthy Communities
- Four Rivers Cooperative Spaces Fund
- Canada Community Building Fund - UBCM
- WLDCU - Sponsorship & Donation Fund
- 100 Mile Development Corporation & 100 Mile Community Forest
- Spruce Lee Construction
- Spelqweqs Development LP

Benefits:

District benefits

- Economic benefit to the town - increased visits and time spent in the Regional Core of 100 Mile House.
- Potential increase in traffic to local businesses.
- Construction of more public washrooms and spaces to alleviate pressures on businesses and accommodate visits.
- The Plaza will have a friendly & visible design, focusing on a multi-generational and multi-cultural experience.
- Supports a vibrant healthy community
- Having such a facility in a visible, accessible part of the community would provide deterrence of mischief, vandalism and criminal activity - especially among youth
- Potential for phased expansions to make the Plaza into a revenue generating property.
- Provides a safe alternative to “street skating” - If a town doesn’t “have a skatepark” - “it IS a skatepark”.

User benefits

- Positive impact on overall health & wellbeing - Stamina, coordination, balance, and flexibility are important components of physical health.
- Mental health benefits – provides opportunity to improve one’s confidence, provides stress relief, reduces symptoms of depression, develops problem solving skills.
- Particularly attractive for those not involved or not interested in (or otherwise not able to access) traditional team sports
- Appeals to all skill levels - a safe *and* challenging place for wheeled sport participants to develop skills and find inspiration from one another
- Reduces antisocial behavior
- A place for participants to learn patience and respect as well as the safety of themselves and others
- A place to recognise the skills of accomplished participants
- A destination for family outings
- All age groups can enjoy plaza & skatepark activity
- Wheeled sports are popular spectator sports; this in turn offers a sense of community cohesion while different generations get to know one another in a positive environment.

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to share our vision, and we would like to welcome *you* to share your questions at this time.