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## JUMP START? Issue expected to be brought back for reconsideration

It appears the Cowichan Valley Regional District board's decision to oust the Capital City Kart Club from Youbou was merely a pit stop in an ongoing battle.

However, Cobble Hill director John Middleton might just hold the checkered flag to end the debate.

Middleton was away on holi-

days when the May 26 decision to not renew the club's application for a two-year temporary use permit was made.

"I tell you, I should've stayed in Australia," Middleton said. "I don't know how so few people in a small town can cause so much stir.

"To deny the club seems a bit

selfish, but, on the other hand, the people at the public meeting were quite upset. I want to work some more on this and try to find a solution."

On Friday, the Economic Development Commission decided to recommend the board revisit the issue.

"In all my years I've never seen

so many people so angry," Cowichan Lake South/ Skutz Falls Director Joe Allan said. "This recommendation will definitely go to the board and we can look at it again."

At the May 26 CVRD board-meeting directors Allan, Rene Beaudin, Rick Spencer and Mike Tansley gave their support to the

club's request for an extension to its temporary use permit on industrial land in Youbou.

Directors Brooke Hodson, Loren Duncan, Mary Marcotte, Mike Walker and alternate director for Cobble Hill Bill Nelson said they couldn't support the application.

The reasons for not supporting the application varied.

# No backroom deals says, Allan



John Middleton

*from Middleton, 1*

Duncan said he had been at a public meeting where go-karts were discussed earlier in the year and, based on what he heard, couldn't make a decision.

"It was about half for and half against," Duncan said. "I can't sort it out so I'm simply voting with the director of the area.

"The people of the area

gave him a mandate and if they don't like what he does, in about a year they'll subtly let him know."

Allan said that type of reasoning doesn't fit into why he was elected.

"Hearing a director say he's going to vote for or against a motion based entirely on how the area director is voting is backroom politics," he said. "What's the point in going to meetings if the decisions are going to be made by backroom politics?"

If the board decides to revisit go-karts, the vote will hinge on Middleton.

"This whole thing dumbfounds me," he said. "We need to find a resolution."

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