

# Kart decision not the first time

Dear editor,

My family and the old Island Motocross Assoc. (Duncan) are no strangers to the callous and negative attitude CVRD directors and staff have towards motor-sports in the Cowichan Valley. I was president of the Island Motocross Association when we were forced to relocate from our original race facility, and major fixture on the Island Race Scene, on Drinkwater Road.

After many hours of club member's volunteer time we came up with a very viable piece of property close to where the original track was situated and most certainly in

an area close to the hubbub of industrial activity. We had many meetings with many of the CVRD directors and staffers and all indicated to our faces that they were in support of our proposal (deja-vu in Youbou). It was good for the community, and did not cost the taxpayer a dime!

Our club's spending budget back then was close to \$70,000 per annum in the community not to mention the spin-off dollars created by the activity surrounding moto-cross. National events were being held in Duncan at no cost to the taxpayer! We went to the public hearing with great anticipation. Many taxpayers in the community stood up and spoke in favor of our proposal, including the RCMP who noted the benefit of having a properly run facility

such as ours for obvious reasons. There were two NIMBY's in the crowd who spoke against the proposal, and guess what?

Like the Youbou track issue, the CVRD shunned the greater good of all for sake of a few whiners.

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