

Why do this to kids who are just having fun?

Dear editor,

I am a 15-year-old racer of the Capital City Kart Club. Last year when I started racing, was the first time I had been with a group of people that had so much love for something they could enjoy doing with friends, family, and fellow racers. Everyone had a smile on their face having the times of their lives. As the race season passed, I got to know everyone better and better, making friendships that would last a lifetime. I found role models that I could look up to, and wonder if I would ever make it as far as them and maybe one day do what I love most as my career.

The feeling of sitting in your kart, engine running, just waiting for the flag to start the race is indescribable. I guess you could say it's an alternative to drugs. It gives me my fix. So, here's a kid practising safe driving skills, doing what he loves most, who knows that racing belongs on a track. What

does the CVRD do but take it all away from him, leaving him nothing but pain and agony just because of a little noise. The CVRD has torn the hearts right out of the racers and the volunteers that made our racing possible. I don't know if they intended to do it, but they did.

Now what do we do? We know racing as our lives, all of us are now dead. Is there life after death?

I wonder, why would they do such a

thing? Weedeaters, lawn mowers, chain saws, boats and traffic on the main stretch through Youbou make just as much or more noise as our karts do. What about the mill that used to be at our track site, was it quieter than karts? I find that hard to believe. Yet they decide it's us that have to go just because some people are self-centered. If the people that were opposed to our renewal application would have visited our track just once, they would have

seen how much love we have for the sport and what kind of a rare atmosphere we share. It's not everyday you find 75 or more people, ages ranging from six to 82 that have gathered from all over the Island to do what they love most.

The Capital City Kart Club chose the CVRD. It should be proud. And now that you have chosen to destroy us, good luck to them in the next election.

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