

Other noise more harmful than karts

Dear editor,

Re: the Capital City Kart Club decision.

What our family has been trying to do is show our kids a better way to be in life. The kart club was our venue, just like any other sport or club. How would you feel if your venue was shut down, be it baseball, hockey, soccer, basketball, lacrosse, or car racing at the local track?

As a parent and newer club member, I would just like to say no amount of words can express our thanks for what the kart club has done for every family and individual involved: commitment, camaraderie, self-confidence, driving skills and dreams of future endeavours. My boys won't get that chance this year unfortunate-

ly, along with many others.

The old Youbou mill site was more than just a track. It was our field of dreams. It was time and money well-invested for all involved. It was spending quality time with our families, creating memories, building great skills and friendships. That cannot be taken away from us as disappointing as this decision is.

Jet skis and boats make noise, as do chain saws, motorbikes, ATV's, vehicle traffic and cheers at baseball games around the area of Youbou and the Cowichan Valley.

But have you ever heard the noise from youngsters with nothing better to do?

It's unspoken and leaves a mark, be it vandalism, break-ins, drinking and drugs, parties, fights and assaults. It all begins somewhere.

When decisions like this are put into effect, you have to wonder what the effect is on the youngsters?

Our club currently has no track but more to the truth our families have to halt the commitment to building skills and self-confidence among our youngsters.

So now what? It's such a shame.

—Jen MacPherson

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