

Kart decision about what's best for the community of Youbou

Dear editor,

If Tim Rieberger of the Capital Kart Club was misled by the previous administration and lulled into a false sense of security over the loss of his track, I am truly sorry. But his comments describe a common practice of putting the 'Kart' before the horse.

We all agree: Kids do need goals and role models. However, karting is not the only answer. In our area there are many water sports, fabulous trails for mountain biking, and much more. There is no need to spend thousands or pave concrete slabs. You can fill your need for speed on the West Coast Trail, or compete for mileage at the "Goose" stretch on a solid bike.

It was the club's choice to make an initial investment in Youbou then to build another track at the rec park near Paldi. The problem with planning too far ahead is that over time everything can change. You cannot expect all to be a foregone conclusion and you cannot blame Brooke Hodson, Youbou residents, nor the CVRD for plans falling through elsewhere.

My feeling is they forgot not all people share their enthusiasm for noisy weekends.

Yes, Hodson is protective and community oriented. He has accepted

responsibility for this miniscule portion of B.C. during his term and is not buying into backroom politics. In a short period of time he was instrumental in streamlining property taxes, bringing about better water resources and inviting residential development to Youbou. This will translate into the greater good by maintaining property values. Year-round residences in a clean environment will definitely be in demand. Currently, the positive impact is being felt by contractors and by local businesses.

We do not need to be pitied. Rieberger's self-righteous indignation is misplaced and misdirected.

Just because a small portion of lakefront may be partially contaminated, not all of Youbou should be subjected to the idea of a rec park. What's next: carries, water-slides, and scream machines?

It appears most of the advice the club had to invest in Youbou came from outsiders, who invited them to play in our backyard.

There must be many industrial sections right near Victoria, where Rieberger lives which his club could consider.

— M. Moran
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