

CLUB LOSES ITS HOME: Director backs rejection saying majority of residents opposed, supporters beg to differ

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Cowichan Valley Regional District has decided that go-karts and Youbou don't mix.

Capital City Kart Club is looking for a permanent home following Wednesday's split decision by the board to not renew a temporary use permit.

"I think it's enough to say that all the members are frustrated and disappointed," club president Dorothy Alexander said. "The board didn't listen to the residents of Youbou

who clearly supported the races."

The club was looking for an additional two years for their temporary use permit which would equal seven more weekends of racing this year and 12 next year.

"We wanted to change our application to one year but we were told we were too late," Alexander said.

Director Mike Tansley was in favour of granting the permit extension to the club because of the population of youth involved.

"My sympathies must lie with the young people who

only wish to race go-karts and don't involve themselves in the politics," Tansley said. "For the residents of Youbou, I'd ask for their patience in allowing the club to race."

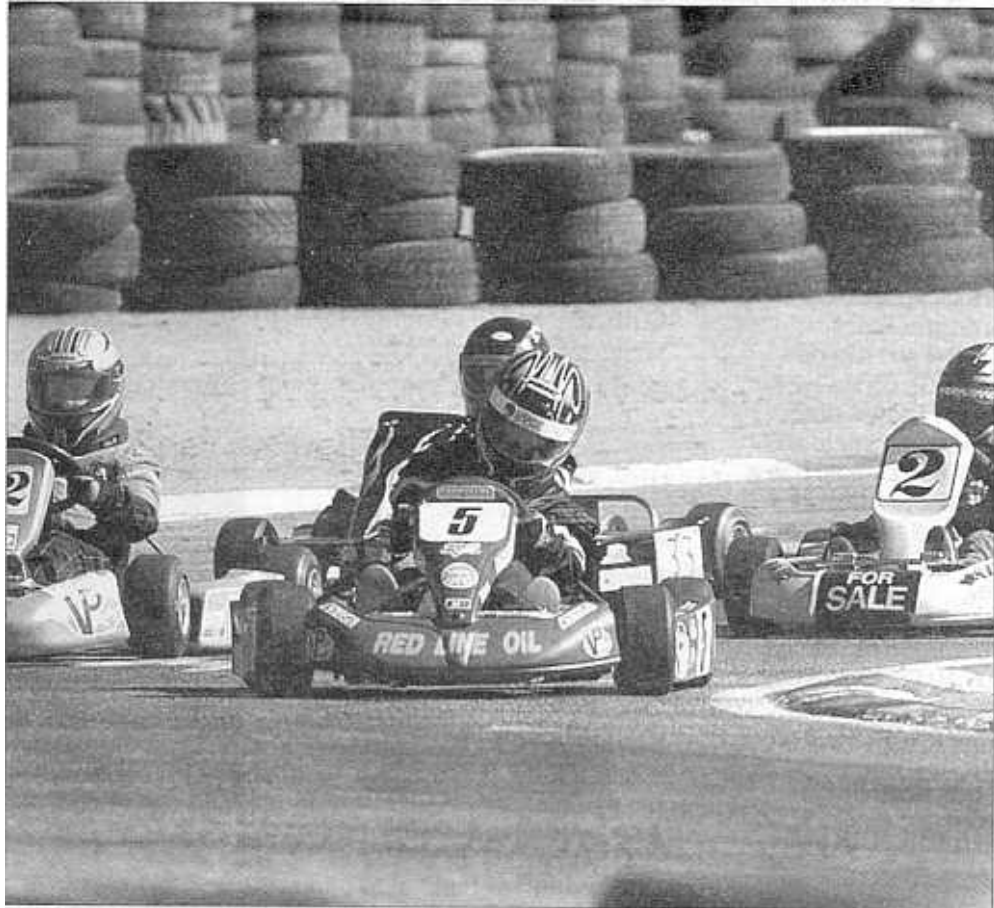
CVRD staff received many letters both for and against the application, with the majority of negative responses concerning the noise generated by the races.

Youbou Director Brooke Hodson made the motion to deny the application because he felt the majority of the neighbours to the track were against the races.

"I made the motion in response to neighbours in the immediate vicinity complaining about noise and annoyance," Hodson said. "This brings to the forefront the issue that something has to be done for these people. An area away from neighbours has to be found."

The club is now looking for a permanent home because they can't afford to keep building temporary ones, Alexander said.

"It cost \$45,000 to build



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There won't be go-kart racing in Youbou this summer after the CVRD rejected a two-year permit application from the Capital City Kart Club Wednesday.

the temporary track in Youbou," she said. "We can recover around \$8,000 but what we paid for pavement we won't get back."

The club is looking for a home between Victoria and

Nanaimo to ensure its members have access, but until they find a place will have to do the same thing they did from 2000-2002 — park their karts.

The club had proposed a

12-weekend summer season, with one three-day weekend race, and no races on long weekends, Mother's Day, Father's Day and during the Youbou Regatta.