

Youbou chases away worthy idea from its doostep

Score another kick in the teeth for that bastard child of the Valley recreation scene — motorsports.

Dreams of a public outdoor recreation park are dashed. Hopes of a private facility remain nothing more than living room whispers. And now even the kids will be without a chance to rev their engines.

WE SAY:

Go-kart dismissal indicative of a general pattern of resistance to new projects

to protest such an operation in their neighbourhood, despite the fact noisy go-karts merely replaced a noisy mill. You may have reacted the same way in their shoes.

Yet, as sad as this decision is for the motorsports fans from throughout the Valley and beyond, our thoughts are focused more on the people of Youbou itself.

Youbou residents are well within their rights

Director Brooke Hodson is merely listening to his electorate and following a campaign pledge made in the most recent civic election.

It would be a stretch to suggest Youbou was united against the karts. It was divided. But those against the operation stated their case well and achieved their goal.

Their dedication and success, however, raises a question about the community. Perhaps more than any other portion of the Valley, Youbou seems to meet new ideas with resistance.

Yet one would be hard-pressed to find another area of the Valley in more need of an injection of new ideas.

With its population dropping, its mill gone and its school threatened, Youbou residents are locked in a struggle to hold on to what they still have.

In the meantime, they seem to chase away everything they could become.