

Put the karts in Paterson's backyard

Re: "Young go-karters stalled in bid to stay at new track," June 1.

Jody Paterson has given a theatrical and one-sided portrayal of the go-kart situation in Youbou. For the past seven years my family and I have been part-time residents of Youbou, living about a quarter of a mile from the go-kart track.

We chose this area, and drive the 90

minutes from Victoria, to enjoy quiet weekends by the lake.

Please don't tell me the noise from the go-kart track at the mill site is inaudible. I can assure you it is far from that.

The peacefulness of the prime summer weekends is now pierced with the constant, high-pitched whirl of go-karts speeding around the track. Ask the residents who live across the lake and have to listen to the amplified noise echoing off the lake.

The residents of Youbou had no oppor-

tunity to vote on whether we wanted this track in our community. It was quietly decided for us.

The irony of this situation is that few, if any, of the go-karters even live in Youbou. A go-kart track should not be near residential areas.

How easily Jody Paterson chastises us for not wanting the noise "in our backyards." Well, Ms. Paterson, try it in yours.

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