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From: T Devereaux
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 3:21 PM
To: Planning and Development Services
Subject: Drag Racing at Nymph Falls

To the CVRD Directors,

I am aware that there is an application by a property owner to use property near Nymph Falls as a location for drag racing. The notion seems preposterous, however, I have heard the noise while recreating in the area. I implore the Regional District to deny the application. I have lived in the Comox Valley for 24 years and have visited the park several times a year in each season to reap the benefits of the outdoors. I also bring my family, and extended family and friends (from out of town) to the park. They are astonished to hear that an application for drag racing is being reviewed and is considered viable. The impacts on the environment are at odds with the current community focus on caring for our natural habitat. The noise will directly impact the park visitors who are trying to engage in healthy outdoor pursuits in the pristine landscape. We walk, run, and ride bikes on the trails nearby. We swim, kayak, paddleboard, and fish in the river. We have attended wedding ceremonies for our friends at the falls. Our experiences are tarnished, and frankly we leave the area, when there is drag racing noise. Of course, there is additional environmental degradation associated with drag events such as racing tire micro-plastics being shed and the excessive burning of fuel. Please entirely deny the application in order to respect the natural habitat and allow generations of people to experience one the treasures of the Comox Valley.

Teresa Devereaux

2394 Cooper Pl

Courtenay

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From: Ton Trieu
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 8:36 AM
To: Brianne Labute
Cc: Jake Martens; Sylvia Stephens
Subject: FW: Please Protect Nymph Falls

On Nov 12, 2019, at 8:09 AM, shanyn simcoe wrote:

Dear Directors Arbour, Hamir, Grieve.

I just became aware that the CVRD is considering allowing a property beside Nymph Falls Nature Park to hold drag car events. The CVRD report from October 28th that reviews the temporary use permit neglects growing concerns of the impact of carbon emissions on climate, wildlife and health. A recent article in the Comox Valley Record indicates that the new chair of the CVRD Board, Jesse Ketler, recognizes this stating "When it comes to the climate crisis, I would like see us act with urgency". Approving drag car events would be discordant with the CVRD's stated position on the climate crisis.

I am concerned about the negative impact of noise and air pollution on the wildlife in the area and on those visiting the nature park. The two purposes, nature park and drag strip, seem at significant odds. Perhaps the car enthusiasts could arrange to use the established resources at the Saratoga speedway or in another area that is not set aside specifically for the enjoyment of nature.

Regards,

Shanyn Simcoe
Courtenay, BC

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From: Ton Trieu
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 8:37 AM
To: Jake Martens; Brianne Labute
Cc: Sylvia Stephens
Subject: FW: Dragstrip at Nymph Falls??!!!!

Importance: High

From:
Sent: November 12, 2019 8:37 AM
To: reachme@danielarbour.ca; arzeenahamir@shaw.ca; edwingrieve@shaw.ca
Cc: Russell Dyson <rdyson@comoxvalleyrd.ca>; Ton Trieu <ttrieu@comoxvalleyrd.ca>
Subject: Dragstrip at Nymph Falls??!!!!
Importance: High

Are you kidding me!? I can't believe that the directors would actually think that this is a good idea and will have no impact on the wildlife, the water, the environment, and our enjoyment of that wonderful park. I'm a cyclist and have biked past Nymph Falls on a sunny day and it's an unsafe ride because of all the cars on the road. I can't imagine what it would be like if you added the spectators for the drag racing.

I have been in the park when they were dragging. First off, couldn't understand what I was hearing. Possibly because I couldn't believe that anyone would make that kind of noise so close to the park. When I finally figured it out, I was shocked. I actually left the park because it was so loud and disruptive and I was so angry.

And now I find out that you are seriously considering allowing this to happen on a regular basis... "temporary" ... I call BS!

You have been presented with irrefutable reasons (proof) why this is such a harmful activity in this location. And you have a *Comox Valley Regional Growth Strategy* that is in direct opposition to this type of activity near a nature park. How can you say you value ecosystems, natural areas and parks, public health and safety, and concern for the worsening climate crisis?

You should know that I live in Comox – so not a neighbouring resident who might have a vested interest in stopping this permit – and I love and want to protect this valley. Isn't that your mandate as well?

If there's any other action I can take to stop this from passing, please let me know the recourse and I'll get on it before your vote on December 9, 2019.

Please copy the new chair Jesse Ketler on my email. It's important to me that he's aware of my strong concerns and opposition.

Thank you.

Lisette Colbert

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From: Planning and Development Services
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 9:54 AM
To: Sylvia Stephens
Subject: FW: Test and Tune

From: Miles Donaldson
Sent: November 21, 2019 4:43 PM
To: Planning and Development Services <planningdevelopment@comoxvalleyrd.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Test and Tune

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Miles Donaldson
Date: November 15, 2019 at 1:34:44 PM PST
To: reachme@danielarbour.ca
Cc: edwingrieve@shaw.ca
Subject: Test and Tune

I am writing this email to express my concerns with the proposed temporary use permit on the Forbidden Plateau Road, specifically for the testing and tuning of cars three weekends a year. My wife and I, along with a group of friends, regularly frequent the bike trails behind Union Bay and on the Forbidden Plateau Road. On several occasions Mr. Annand has donated his time and equipment to maintain these trails.

I have known Mr. Annand for over 25 years. He has always been a community minded individual. As a past member of Kiwanis he has always donated his time and energy to support community projects. He plows neighbours yards in the winter and fixes potholes in the summer. He lets the Rod and Gun Club and Fisheries use his property to stage fish enhancements in the river. Search and Rescue Technicians use the property for training exercises.

Mr. Annand has limited the flights in and out of the airport to a bare minimum. He has changed the flight pattern to minimize the flights over the houses. In the last few years he has helped raise over \$80,000.00 for local charities. Although the noise bylaws allow for longer hours he has decided to not make noise before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.. He also decided to compromise and only make this amount of noise three weekends a year and not on long weekends.

My understanding is that Mr. Annand is going to upgrade the upper end of the runway to accommodate more commercial activity such as glider towing and air shows. This is going to be done to create revenue for charity. As a previous owner of a bulk fuel plant in Courtenay and Campbell River I believe one of the considerations should be the amount of leaded fuel and jet

fuel that this introduces into the environment. It is my understanding that turbine aircraft taking off would create more hydrocarbons than the test and tune would create over their season. If this is the case we would be in support of the test and tunes.

M Donaldson
4629 Kilmarnock Dr.
Sent from my iPad

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From: Edwin Grieve <edwingrieve@shaw.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 9:12 AM
To: Raida Bolton
Cc: Planning and Development Services; arzeenahamir@shaw.ca; reachme@danielarbour.ca; Russell Dyson; Ton Trieu
Subject: Re: VanIsle Airfield Society Temporary Usage Permit

Raida

Thanks for taking time to give your thoughts on the one year Temporary Use Permit. Your letter will form part of the public record.

Edwin

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 2, 2019, at 11:50 AM, Raida Bolton wrote:

Dear Comox Valley Regional District

Re: Test and Tune Events at Smit Airfield, Forbidden Plateau Road

I write you this letter in full support of the test and tune events to be held at the Smit airstrip on Forbidden Plateau Road.

My support of these events comes from a few different places....

I am a member of a family that has a car that took advantage of a test and tune day this past summer. After a winter of engine work on the car, having a safe and non pressure environment to test and tune the car, before official out of town races, was very valuable. Because cars at the airstrip ran in single test and tune passes there was little or no risk of accident or injury to our car and driver, or any other car and driver. Whereas in an official race, without knowing exactly how the car will respond, this can be somewhat challenging.

This year, while fundraising for Comox Valley Hospice Society, myself and my cycling team "CyclePaths" (at our request) barbecued at one of the test and tune weekends. Because of the most incredible generosity of those attending, our team raised a significant amount of funds for our local hospice society. A society that cares, with respect and compassion, for all the people of the Comox Valley, no matter where they live, what their background is, or even what their hobbies are. Many of the members of the VanIsle Airfield Society, who are also local business owners and local community residents, supported us over the weekend and also supported us at our other fundraiser events held around the Comox Valley. It would be a shame for Comox Valley Hospice Society, or any other charity, to miss out on this generous fundraising opportunity.

Also as a hiker, biker, trail runner, and an outdoor enthusiast, who uses the Nymph Falls / Forbidden Plateau trails regularly, not once over the weekend did I think that any parkland, property, buildings, or people, were in any way in jeopardy of damage or injury. In regards to the noise, I find that those who run the trails with their music playing loudly, much more invasive and annoying than I would ever find the temporary sound of the drag race cars. I certainly wouldn't tell the music runner that they couldn't use the trails just because of their noise. From a garbage and waste standpoint, I can assure the CVRD that the Smit Field property, and anything closely physically connected with it, is completely void of any litter and/or garbage from the weekend. Recycling and waste is disposed of to all the proper local facilities. This is much more than I can say in regards to the Nymph Falls public trails. "Go" cups, dog waste bags, and tissues can always be seen tossed into the forest. Again, I wouldn't consider telling those dog walkers that they cannot use the trails because of their dogs waste.

I would encourage CVRD to approve the temporary usage permit and allow The VanIsle Air Field Society to proceed with safe, friendly, and charitable, test and tune events.

Thank you for your time.

Raida Bolton
1835 Geraldine Road
Courtenay, BC
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From:
Sent: Monday, December 02, 2019 2:50 PM
To: Planning and Development Services; arzeenahamir@shaw.ca;
reachme@danialarbour.ca; edwingrive@shaw.ca; Russell Dyson; Ton Trieu
Subject: RE: Comment Entry to Smit Field owners, neighbors, CVRD rural directors clash over testing of drag racing cars

Apologies as I need to add our info to you

Kathy & Poe Freeborn
1936 Quenville Rd
Courtenay BC
V9J 1Y4

From:
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2019 2:38 PM
To: 'planning@comoxvalleyrd.ca' <planning@comoxvalleyrd.ca>; 'arzeenahamir@shaw.ca' <arzeenahamir@shaw.ca>; 'reachme@danialarbour.ca' <reachme@danialarbour.ca>; 'edwingrive@shaw.ca' <edwingrive@shaw.ca>; 'rdyson@comoxvalleyrd.ca' <rdyson@comoxvalleyrd.ca>; 'ttrieu@comoxvalleyrd.ca' <ttrieu@comoxvalleyrd.ca>
Subject: Comment Entry to Smit Field owners, neighbors, CVRD rural directors clash over testing of drag racing cars

To those concerned,

We are members for last 2 years with Vancouver Island Airfield Society and have been following the neighbors conflicts of the test and tunes to date

This is a reply comment to article in “decaffeination” newsletter published November 26th 2019 in reply to “Smit Field owners, neighbours, CVRD rural directors clash over testing of drag racing cars”

My comments as follows to the “decafination” Newsletter publication November 26 2019...

This is NOT a dying sport as some make reference to...it is the complete opposite. This is a very popular and expanding sport. A sport that needs positive support and a safe island facility.

It is published that Vancouver Island has had more National Hot Road Association license holders per capita in North America, and they never have –and still don’t – have a facility to service them.

Until this actually and eventually happens, Vancouver Island Airfield Society (VIAS) is merely asking for a temporary usage permit at Smit Airfield, 3 weekends of the year, NOT to race, NOT to draw huge crowds, NOT to disrupt anything more than 4-5 hours of a day. 6 days of the year. That is all, Victoria and Port McNeil 1/8 mile, and Missions 1/4 mile on the mainland is a long and expensive way to travel to race, particularly when your unsure of the performance of motors and components have not been tested and tuned and race ready.

Smit Airfield owners were generously willing to help, out and grant a small membership club consisting of friends and family, capped at 50 members to test and tune their performance cars at their airstrip during the race season. All in GOOD WILL from Danny and Kevin, in order to help in preparation for large events scheduled at race tracks both on and off the island. We follow protocol of the NHRA rules and regulations which are heavily safety sanctioned, and are

responsible for our liability insurances from the start. They spoke with the CVRD and they agreed the activities were in compliance with the noise bylaw requirements. They also forewarned of the scheduled activities to neighbourhood residents repeatedly. They explained (2016) they may be paving the runway for drag car purposes. Not open to public, just private invitation. There was no objections. So a membership was formed, and tuned in on a green light!

Some of the NIMBY land owners proceeded to warrant a dispute, mocking a red light, and falsely stating their own story and raced to the media and report "drag racing" in full effect..."lets put the brakes on drag racing" the articles in the local newspaper and petition to change.org . When the media was told the other side of the story. The published article was removed as the truth was out of context....the truth was published as an "update", and remains published.

We all know noise is a fact of life, particularly when living by a airfield...which is permitted to make noise...it is zoned for that purpose. Everyone knows that If you choose to live in the area of a airfield....you have accepted that it is going to be noisy ...an acceptable factor that comes with the territory ...fortunately it is not a daily happening as with the likes of Courtenay Air Park, CFB Comox Airport which freely make noises all hours of the day and night, tuning their engines...burning gazillions of gallons of fuel, to keep the federal budget up. Use it or loose it.....not to mention snowbirds annoyingly buzzing each spring, F18's visits blasting the sky's without notice.....get the point? But that's ok...because it federal...Hmmm...Yes Smit Airfield private federal airstrip, and yes it can be open to the public, commercial, advertised, and a become a very active airstrip if the land owner chose toand yes it could legally have a bigger plan....It could be a lot worse.

So realistically 6 days of the year at most.....temporarilyeach car would be lucky to burn more than 5-10 gallons of clean burning fuels per day. By comparison, is not a huge environmental impact. Right?

In following the neighbourhood NIMBY's letters, petitions and published untruths. Attempts at setting forth a picture of lawbreaking gangster rebels, bullying and threatening the neighbourhood. All the out of context concerns, the exaggerated speculations, and blowing the truth out of the matter of what was really intended, was and is way out of proportion. This is not a "race track, nor a "speedway" with "thousands of spectators invited" ...there is no "smoke n mirrors, commercial enterprises, Sponsors, money being pocketed, advertising, promoting, or have any bigger or permanent plans" than what ever have said we're doing...we have clarified in writing to the CVRD what we are doing...small club ...temporary measure. THAT IS ALL.

A raised eyebrow is upon the NIMBYsa couple of very neighbourly letters in support of the test and tune activity, has also been published. Expressing witness to a very small minority of unsupportive land owners that, are and have been, ongoing loud voiced chronic naysayers over the years. That they are against nearly everything that happens in the area, even when its for the positive in helping to rectify problem situations. Surely this small group of negative, neighbourhood group, have gone out of there way to taunt, provoke, initiate, daunt, and put their point out there in a less than neighbourly fashion....there are two sides to the street, and we do beg to differ... their truth has not been presented properly. Within the context of a few submitted negative impact letters, there is no noise conflict with in the zoning....The rest is pretty easy to read between the lines.

We all wish to get along, and be able to tolerate a little of each other in a positive respectable manner.

Thanks to Danny and Kevin for getting the truth be heard, and being the good neighbour and taking the time to fully explain to everyone, the CVRD and the public the truth of the matter. We know the vast majority of them do appreciate what you have done and continue to do for everyone.

Thank you George for taking the time to interview and collect facts and publish a much needed proper and informative article with values to all perspectives and persons involved in regards to test and tune activities at Smit Airfield, and the ability for all to share their comments!

WE CONTINUE TO FULLY SUPPORT

VANCOUVER ISLAND AIRFIELD SOCIETY TEST AND TUNE AT SMIT AIRFIELD

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From: Ton Trieu
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 9:47 AM
To: Jake Martens; Sylvia Stephens
Cc: Brianne Labute
Subject: FW: Smit Airfield

From: Edwin Grieve [mailto:edwingrieve@shaw.ca]
Sent: December 3, 2019 9:32 AM
To: Don MacBeth
Cc: reachme@danielarbour.ca; arzeenahamir@shaw.ca; Russell Dyson <rdyson@comoxvalleyrd.ca>; Ton Trieu <ttrieu@comoxvalleyrd.ca>
Subject: Re: Smit Airfield

Don
Thank you very much for taking time to share your thoughts on the proposed one year Temporary Use Permit. Your letter will form part of the public record.
Edwin Grieve, Director
Area "C"
CVRD

Sent from my iPad

> On Dec 2, 2019, at 7:16 PM, Don MacBeth wrote:
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> Hi there my name is Don MacBeth, I am in full support of the temporary permits for the test and tunes to be held there. I have lived in the valley all my life, I am 34 years old I have 3 step children who are growing up and are growing up around me. I'd like to show them how to safely do thing with a motor vehicle, especially if it has to do with racing. This venue provides me a spot to safely check my vehicle and run it through the gears before doing an actual race which are hundreds of kilometers away. I'm also teaching my kids the safety of everything as they are showing lots of interest in it. The money raised also shows the kids about volunteering and giving back too the community, it's all for a good cause which we need to be teaching the younger generation.
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> Thank you for your time
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> Don MacBeth
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> 314 Denman Street, Comox
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From: Ton Trieu
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 9:46 AM
To: Jake Martens; Sylvia Stephens
Cc: Brianne Labute
Subject: FW: smitty field

From: Edwin Grieve [<mailto:edwingrieve@shaw.ca>]
Sent: December 3, 2019 9:25 AM
To: SAM MORRISON
Cc: reachme@danielarbour.ca; arzenahamir@shaw.ca; Russell Dyson <rdyson@comoxvalleyrd.ca>; Ton Trieu <ttrieu@comoxvalleyrd.ca>
Subject: Re: smitty field

Sam

Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts on the proposed Temporary Use Permit. Your letter will form part of the public record.
Edwin Grieve, Director
Area "C"

Sent from my iPad

On Dec 2, 2019, at 5:39 PM, SAM MORRISON

wrote:

Hello I am emailing you in regards to the smitty field test and tune event .My 84 year old father and I went there this year to both test our drag cars as there is nowhere else to do this.We both drove from nanaimo buying gas in Courtenay boosting economy there .This is a very well run event when your at an actual race like port mcneil for instance its hard to tune you car as you race as you inly get a few test passes before you race wheras smitty field you can do a lot of test passes.Please approve this special event permit so when can continue to do this.Sam and Sid Morrison nanaimo b.c.

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From: Ton Trieu
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 9:13 AM
To: Sylvia Stephens
Subject: FW: Re Test and Tune Track

-----Original Message-----

From: Edwin Grieve [mailto:edwingrieve@shaw.ca]
Sent: December 4, 2019 9:21 AM
To: Merle
Cc: reachme@danielarbour.ca; arzeenahamir@shaw.ca; Russell Dyson <rdyson@comoxvalleyrd.ca>; Ton Trieu <ttrieu@comoxvalleyrd.ca>
Subject: Re: Re Test and Tune Track

Merle

Thanks for taking time to share your thoughts It is good to hear from all opinions on these matters Edwin Grieve

Sent from my iPad

> On Dec 3, 2019, at 9:12 PM, Merle

wrote:

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> Good evening! I am righting in favor of the test and tune track for several reasons. It is first of all a family event for all ages, as I my self am 73 yrs. and love the sport which teaches young and old ,safety as well as respect for others and keeping racing off the streets. this is only a test and tune track for people to learn how to get ready for a regular race track such as getting ready at the starting line and testing their reaction, where most races are won or lost. Some of the younger kids can run junior dragsters and are too young to drive on the street. At each event I have been to we have raised money for different charities by selling food and drinks to participants. The majority of neighbors to the track are in favor and are very welcome to volunteer or watch, but we do not allow outside spectators on the grounds for our insurance reasons ! We do have have expenses , insurance,timing equipment(timing tree,timing truck with all the electronics, safety equipment, fire extinguishers, volunteer tow truck, BHT (traction compound) and some medical staff). This site has been built with volunteers helping our friend Dan who has been gracious enough to invite us to his property ! I am positively sure that if allowed the other 3,000 people who were also in favor of the test and tune track would come if allowed, but like I said we are not allowed for insurance reasons. For the few families that participate, it is a good way to spend the weekend and only three to four times a year ? The total time of the cars running for three weekends is I think only 24 hrs. total. Our hours of running are considerate to any of the neighbors, by not starting too early and shutting down early. We do have some camping on the property as some people come from a long way, as there are no other facilities of this kind on the Island ! The weekends scheduled are far enough apart and do not affect prime time for neighbors ! I live in Qualicum Beach and do belong to the Sea side cruisers car club which has a Fathers Day Car show of some 600 plus cars and raise and donate between \$25-3000 every year to various charities and the town donates the streets to us. I know we do not raise that amount at our site ,but do contribute? Thank you for your time and please accept Dan's Test and Tune Track?

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From: BR
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 10:43 AM
To: Planning and Development Services; arzeenahamir@shaw.ca; edwingrive@shaw.ca; Russell Dyson; Ton Trieu
Subject: Smit Field Permit

Hello,

This is a letter of support for the test and tune application.

I was a steady user of Forbidden Plateau in the 70's watched the Airfield get developed back then.....I have been a Nymph Park and Trail user for years, as are my kids and their kids I am a member of the Group that has the application in for test and tune Danny and Kevin are local area supporters and always have been.

Being swayed by a few individuals who believe their property title came with sanctuary status would be highly inappropriate. We all have provisions for curfews or regulatory boundaries that are there to protect the excessive. This TUP application does not infringe on the noise bylaws as the beginning and ends of the activity are no where close to those time frames.

Danny and Kevin own a large acreage out of town with established improvements that clearly indicate heavy mechanical and aircraft interests. They are allowing a group, using the proper guidelines of the CVRD, to apply for permission to have a controlled event that is relatable to their interests on the property.

This a challenge to the tolerance of diversity in the Valley.

The TUP is deserving of your approval.

Thank you
Brian Runacres
2260 Left Rd
Courtenay B.C.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Ton Trieu
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 9:09 AM
To: Jake Martens; Sylvia Stephens
Subject: FW: Smit Field

From: Chris
Sent: December 3, 2019 9:08 AM
To: Ton Trieu <ttrieu@comoxvalleyrd.ca>
Subject: Re: Smit Field

Chris Sharpe

2645 Kingcome Place

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Port McNeill, B.C.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Chris
> Sent: December 3, 2019 6:36 AM
> To: Ton Trieu <ttrieu@comoxvalleyrd.ca>
> Subject: Smit Field

> It is always a great thing when groups can support each other for the good of communities, enjoyment, fund raising, education. This facility can do all that, working together for good results rather than draw lines in the sand, we all do better in the long run.

> Smit Field and it's leaders are following the rules, engaging RD and neighbors, well done. We have fully supported this from the beginning and seeing how the property owners continue to take the High Road we will continue.

> Last year my family and I brought our car for some testing which allowed my wife and our daughter a venue off the street to safely experience driving a performance car on a safe test facility.

> We stayed at a local hotel and had meals at various establishments in the Comox Valley We heavily contributed to the fund raising at each event that were such great causes.

> each was a well ran event, safe, very aware and cognizant of the
> neighbors and surroundings Bravo to see this energy and venue in these
> times You have our support

> Chris Sharpe

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December 4, 2019
2566 Cathy Crescent
Courtenay, BC V9N 7G2

Comox Valley Regional District

Directors

Dear sirs/madams;

As a Comox Valley resident for the past 31 years and an “outdoors person”, I disagree with the proposed use of land near Nymph Falls Park for a drag racing site. Excessive noise such as produced in drag racing will cause the resident wildlife to leave the area or at the very least, be very stressed. In these times of climate change and other pressures such as habitat loss, being put upon our birdlife and mammals, using the land in the way proposed is ridiculous and totally unnecessary. There are other more suitable places for setting up a drag racing venue. Over and above that reason for not locating the drag racing site there, I feel drag racing is a pointless use of fossil fuels producing copious amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Please do not approve the use of the land near Nymph Falls for a drag racing venue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maye Davis

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From: Jeremy Kristensen
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2019 12:21 PM
To: arzeenahamir@shaw.ca; edwingrive@shaw.ca; Planning and Development Services; Russell Dyson; reachme@danialarbour.ca; Ton Trieu
Subject: Van Isle -Smit Airfield

I really support this place and the ideas it poses, it's a safe place to go, gets these cars off the streets, and you can bring your whole family to enjoy it. For my family it's fun for all of us, even my 7 year old son gets his chance to "go fast" running a Jr dragster, without a place like this it pretty much kills it for him, it's too expensive to go to Mission, and McNeil is only 3 times a year. I understand that if you aren't into racing or cars this event can be annoying, however I think that the small amounts of time being asked for should be a great compromise for those who don't enjoy it. As a resident of Cumberland I know all about putting up with things I don't enjoy, I have lived here since before it became a capital for mountain bikers and their events, I have the displeasure of listening to the music festival that happens in the park, I even get to have a naked bike ride event, I'm not interested in any of it but it happens regardless. My point is, I'm not the only one who doesn't like things and events in my community but there are others who do, it's a COMPROMISE. We all need to make them, it's part of life, you don't want to live my way, I don't want to live your way, but we all got to live together, this is all too often forgotten as everyone is so god damn self absorbed these days. Dan has done a great job of keeping the neighbourhood informed about when events will take place and what to expect, he has built a dirt berm to reduce noise, and attended meetings to hear out concerns. As for the negative comments and harassment from some of the group's supporters, things like "I'll make a pass at 2am in front of their house", this isn't the outlook of the entire group, respect is a 2way street, we need to give respect to the community if we want any in return, and we all know you need to give a lot to get a little back, unfortunately there are still some of us that need to learn this lesson. This is our groups chance for a compromise, let's not shut it down before it starts

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From: DOUG-LINDA MABEE
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2019 12:25 AM
To: Planning and Development Services
Subject: Drag Racing at "air strip" off Forbidden Plateau Rd.

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of the Comox Valley, and a very frequent user of the Nymph Fall/ Puntledge River recreation area, I must strongly voice my opposition to having a drag strip/races on property so close to the above mentioned peaceful area. I, and many others flock to the refuge to escape the almost constant barrage of cars, trucks and motorcycles with inadequate or no mufflers at all.

I have witnessed first-hand a drag racing day at this location and was horrified at the noise (which can be heard as far away as the Dam at Comox Lake) and the smell of rubber and exhaust. My biggest fear is that if this endeavour is given the "green light", so to speak, you are setting a very dangerous precedent and placing yourself on an extremely slippery slope that may lead to permanent drag racing on this site.

Sincerely,

D. Mabee
Shetland Place
Courtenay, B.C.

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From: Allan Wilkin
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 11:58 AM
Subject: Smit Field Test and Tune Events

Allan Wilkin
77 Barlow Rd
Campbell River, BC
V9W 1T1

Dec 5, 2019

I definitely support the test and tune events at Smit Field. This is a safe and great spot for a great group of responsible enthusiasts to gather and enjoy their hobby. I am hoping that somewhere on the island there will eventually be a permanent facility where everyone's desires can be accommodated but for now this is great.

Allan Wilkin

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From: Raida Bolton
Sent: Monday, December 02, 2019 11:50 AM
To: Planning and Development Services; arzeenahamir@shaw.ca; reachme@danielarbour.ca; edwingrieve@shaw.ca; Russell Dyson; Ton Trieu
Subject: VanIsle Airfield Society Temporary Usage Permit

Dear Comox Valley Regional District

Re: Test and Tune Events at Smit Airfield, Forbidden Plateau Road

I write you this letter in full support of the test and tune events to be held at the Smit airstrip on Forbidden Plateau Road.

My support of these events comes from a few different places....

I am a member of a family that has a car that took advantage of a test and tune day this past summer. After a winter of engine work on the car, having a safe and non pressure environment to test and tune the car, before official out of town races, was very valuable. Because cars at the airstrip ran in single test and tune passes there was little or no risk of accident or injury to our car and driver, or any other car and driver. Whereas in an official race, without knowing exactly how the car will respond, this can be somewhat challenging.

This year, while fundraising for Comox Valley Hospice Society, myself and my cycling team "CyclePaths" (at our request) barbecued at one of the test and tune weekends. Because of the most incredible generosity of those attending, our team raised a significant amount of funds for our local hospice society. A society that cares, with respect and compassion, for all the people of the Comox Valley, no matter where they live, what their background is, or even what their hobbies are. Many of the members of the VanIsle Airfield Society, who are also local business owners and local community residents, supported us over the weekend and also supported us at our other fundraiser events held around the Comox Valley. It would be a shame for Comox Valley Hospice Society, or any other charity, to miss out on this generous fundraising opportunity.

Also as a hiker, biker, trail runner, and an outdoor enthusiast, who uses the Nymph Falls / Forbidden Plateau trails regularly, not once over the weekend did I think that any parkland, property, buildings, or people, were in any way in jeopardy of damage or injury. In regards to the noise, I find that those who run the trails with their music playing loudly, much more invasive and annoying than I would ever find the temporary sound of the drag race cars. I certainly wouldn't tell the music runner that they couldn't use the trails just because of their noise. From a garbage and waste standpoint, I can assure the CVRD that the Smit Field property, and anything closely physically connected with it, is completely void of any litter and/or garbage from the weekend. Recycling and waste is disposed of to all the proper local facilities. This is much more than I can say in regards to the Nymph Falls public trails. "Go" cups, dog waste bags, and tissues can always be seen tossed into the forest. Again, I wouldn't consider telling those dog walkers that they cannot use the trails because of their dogs waste.

I would encourage CVRD to approve the temporary usage permit and allow The VanIsle Air Field Society to proceed with safe, friendly, and charitable, test and tune events.

Thank you for your time.

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