



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

To: Regional Board
From: Director of Protective Services
Date: March 20, 2025

Subject: Kelowna Dirt Bike Club Annual Special Events Permit Request – 2025

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority (LGA s.208)*

Purpose: To consider the Kelowna Dirt Bike Clubs (KDBC) request for approval of their Special Event Permits for the 2025 Season.

Executive Summary:

A License of Occupation between the Province of British Columbia and KDBC is in place with KDBC as monthly occupier of the land under this license and is inclusive of a management plan which outlines noise thresholds and monitoring practices.

RDCO Board approvals were granted in 2016, 2017, and 2018 however, no requests were made by KDBC from 2019-2023. The Board approved the events in 2024. The KDBC requests that the Regional Board waive the bylaw requirements under Noise Bylaw No. 403, for two (2) race events being held April 18th to 20th, and September 26th to 28th, 2025.

The Regional Board is being requested to approve the permit for these family-focused events. The aim is to enable riders of all ages and abilities to enjoy the track, with the hope of attracting new families and young riders. A special event permit exempts the RDCO from addressing noise complaints from the public, allowing the Kelowna Dirt Bike Club to host the events outside the parameters of the RDCO Noise Bylaw and within the parameters of the Consent Order.

Recommendation(s):

THAT the Regional Board approve two (2) Special Event Permits for the Kelowna Dirt Bike Club for April 18th to 20th, and September 26th to 28th, 2025 as outlined in the report from the Director of Protective Services dated March 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by: Dan Maja, Chief Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Report Approved by: Mike Walroth, Director of Protective Services

Approved for Agenda: Sally Ginter, Chief Administrative Officer

Strategic Plan Alignment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Truth and reconciliation |
| ✓ Health and wellness | ✓ Environment and climate – Regional priority only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth and development – Electoral Area priority only |
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Background:

The KDBC Track is a closed-circuit dirt track consisting of challenging obstacles and jumps and is located approximately three (3) kilometres from Westside Road, adjacent to Bear Creek Forest Service Road. The surrounding area is characterized by large land holdings with minimal background noise. The KDBC is a volunteer motocross dirt biking club that has been in existence for 17 years and is open to riders of all skill levels. The Club membership consists of family participation ranging from 5-60 years of age. These special events bring in riders, spectators, and sponsors from all over North America. Practices take place on Wednesdays and Sundays from March until the fall, and the track closes during the hot and dry summer months of July and August.

In 2003, the RDCO began receiving complaints about noise from the KDBC Track facility. Initial efforts to resolve complaints were unsuccessful and in 2009, the RDCO filed an injunction application against the KDBC. Considerable effort was put into reporting on decibel readings to resolve residents' concerns. RDCO staff investigated the noise allegations and noted that the complaint issues were more to the character of the bike noise from revving bike engines, than the volume of noise and often included allegations of noise from rogue riders in the vicinity.

In March 2011, the Regional Board agreed to proceed with conditions of an agreement with the KDBC through a Consent Order. The industry standard of 96 dB/A, prescribed by the Canadian Motorsport Racing Corporation, was selected, and consented to as the maximum noise level. Provisions of the Consent Order agreement between RDCO and KDBC ensures that all bikes being operated on the KDBC track do not exceed 96 dB/A on practice and regular race dates. The KDBC website describes the RDCO Consent Order and noise testing requirements for all riders.

A legal review of the Consent Order was undertaken to confirm it is still in effect and enforceable.

Alternatives:

The Consent Order agreement does not compel the Regional Board to approve any special events permits, however the Consent Order would cease to have effect if these permits are not approved, and the RDCO would be able to pursue enforcement. Obtaining special event permits to facilitate race events was a primary incentive for the KDBC entering into the Consent Order agreement.

Considerations:**Organizational/External:**

In alignment with RDCO Strategic Priorities – “Health and Wellness” and “Environment and climate” – Allowing for Family activities in our communities encourages responsible conversations with youth. about impact to others and the natural environment.

Financial:

Limited approved events allow for limited Bylaw Enforcement activities.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Noise Control Bylaw No.403, 1989 (as amended), section 8 that reads:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of this bylaw, a person may apply for and receive from the Regional Board a permit for a special event if such special event in the Regional Board’s opinion is in the public interest, in which case the requirements of this bylaw may be waived.”

In April 2011, a Consent Order agreement between RDCO and KDBC concluded a long outstanding injunctive action for noise complaints.

Attachment(s): 1. 2011 KDBC Consent Order
