



NANAIMO

BMX

MARIE DAVIDSON BMX PARK INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



NANAIMO BMX

- FOUNDED 1986 BY MARIE DAVIDSON
- MARIE BROUGHT THE SPORT OF BICYCLE MOTO CROSS RACING TO CANADA
- ORIGINALLY LOCATED IN NORTH CEDAR
- MOVED TO ITS CURRENT LOCATION IN BEBAN PARK IN 1989
- ONE OF OLDEST BMX CLUBS IN CANADA





OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND CHALLENGING PLACE, FOR RIDERS YOUNG AND OLD TO ENJOY THE SPORT OF BMX











PIPER GRAATEN

5x Canadian + 3x US Champion
for her age group



ALEXANDER BOOTH

3x Canadian National Champion



CURRENT TRACK DESIGN



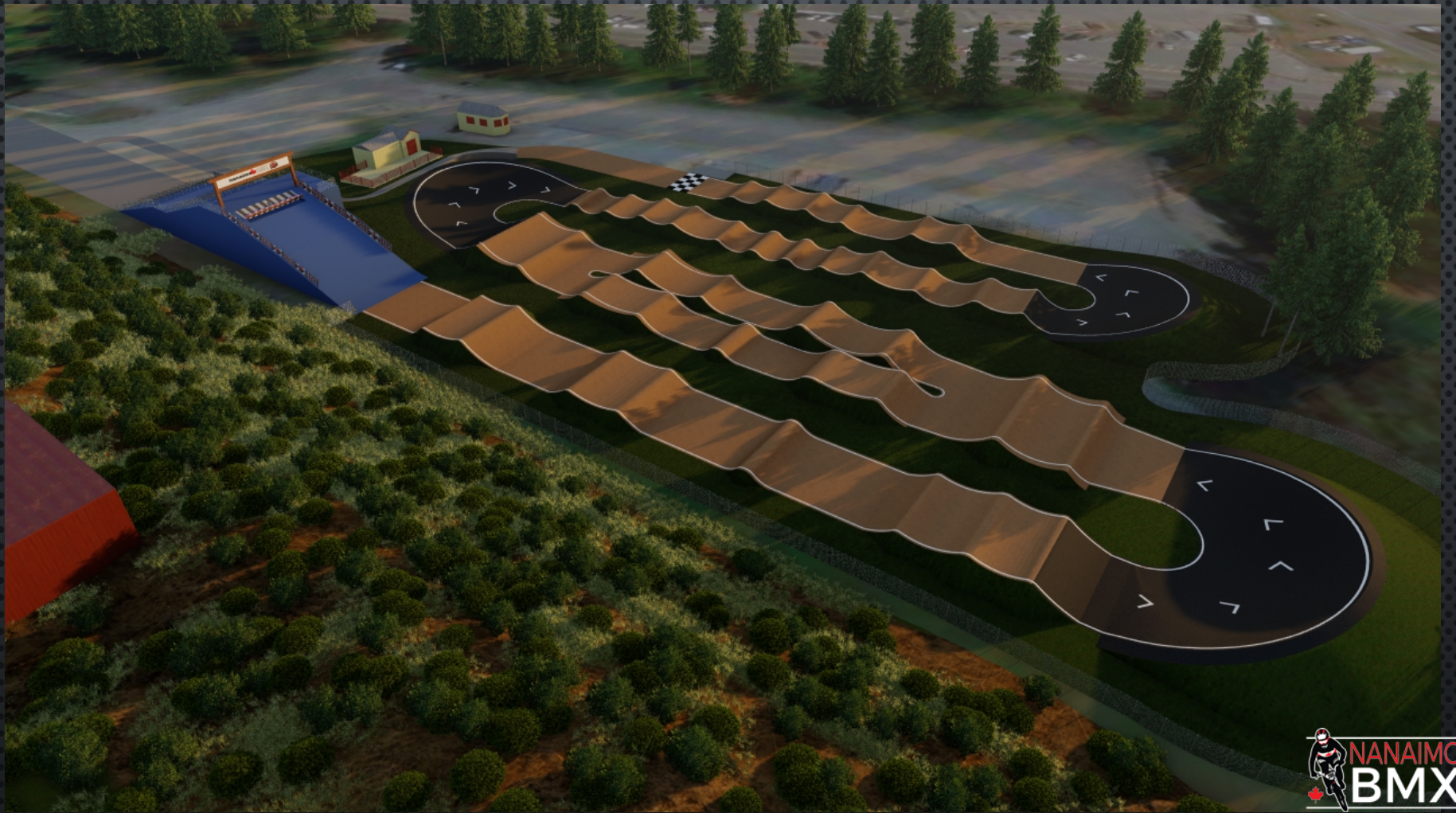
NEW DESIGN SUPERIMPOSED ON TOP OF EXISTING



BMX TRACK PROPOSAL - Nanaimo
Aerial Superimposition

ASD
ACTION Sports Design, L.L.C.
September 3, 2019







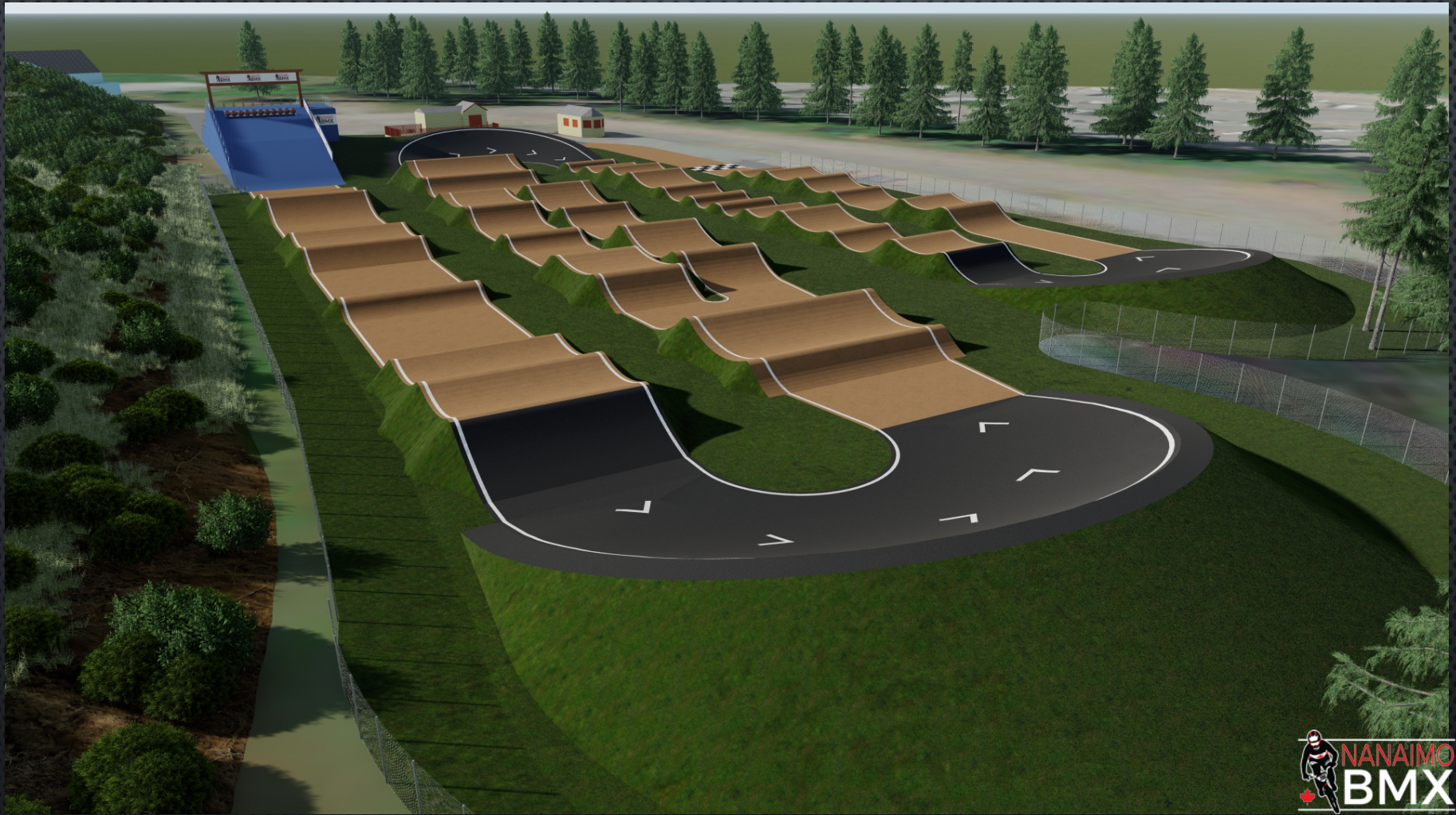
CURRENT START GATE

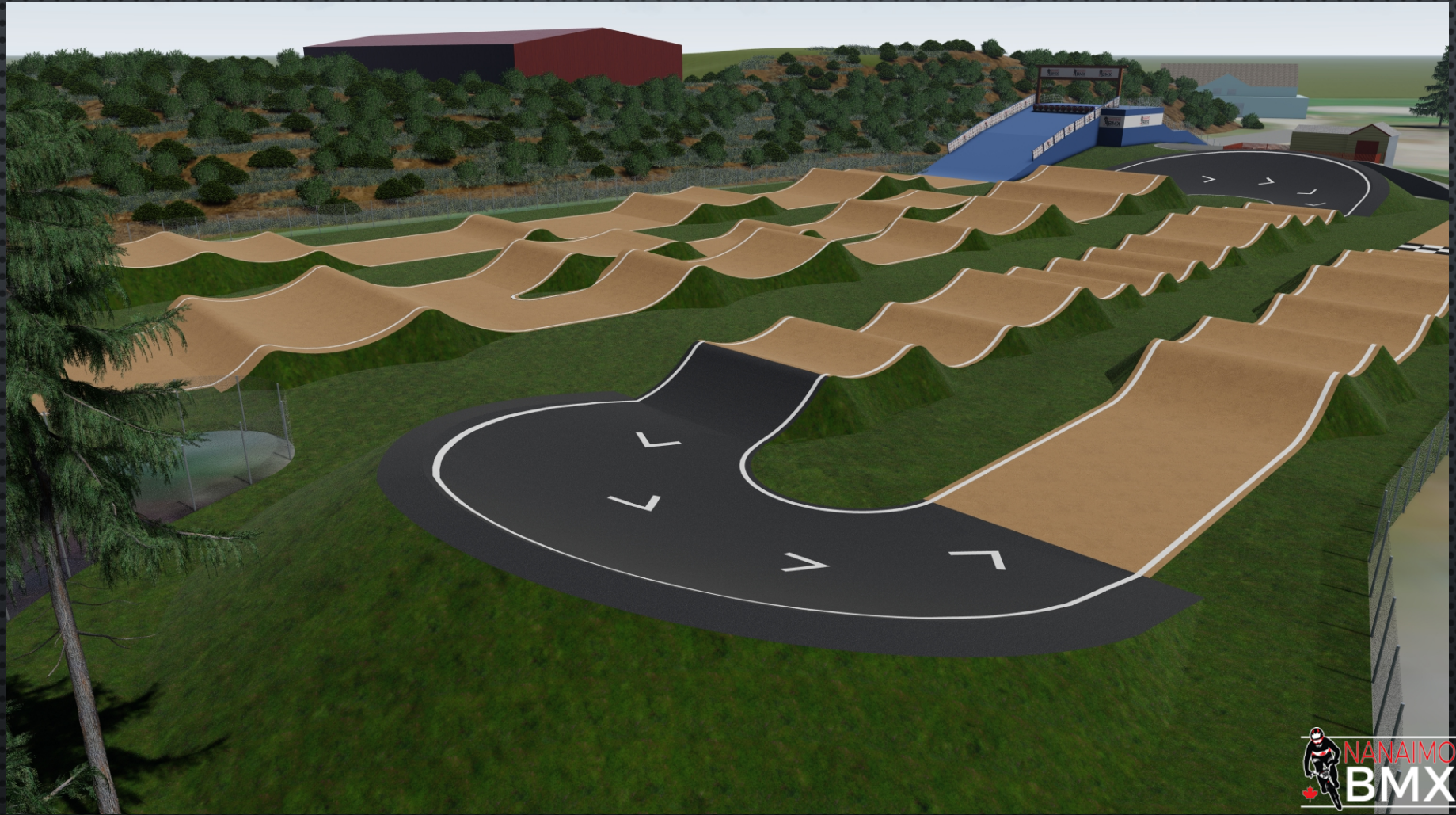
- Installed in 1989



PROPOSED SAFETY BARREL GATE

- Reduces the risk entrapment in case of gate malfunction







THANK YOU FOR YOUR
CONSIDERATION.



Committee of the Whole
Nanaimo BMX “Get Behind The Gate” Campaign
October 28th, 4:30 pm

Presentation Notes:

My name is Keir Graaten and I am here on behalf of the Nanaimo BMX Association. I am here along with... ▲

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to introduce Nanaimo BMX and a Project for which we have just completed the conceptual and schematic design phases for. We are here to request \$35,000 in financial support, from the City, to help us complete the Design Development Phase; as well as, ongoing support and assistance from staff with the planning and design for this project. ▲

Nanaimo BMX has been serving the Nanaimo community since 1986. It was originally started out in Cedar but moved to its current location, at the Marie Davidson BMX Park located within Beban Park, in 1989. ▲

It was founded by Marie Davidson, who some of you might remember, as she was named **BC’s Most Amazing Mom**, in 2007, by the Vancouver Province for her dedication to fostering over 140 children. She fell in love with the sport of BMX because it provided a place for her foster children to ride safely, to ride all together as one large family, and a place that fostered healthy role models and mentors. ▲

Today, if you were to visit our track, you would find these values still hold true. You would find... ▲

- that our track is open and inclusive to all individuals, all you need is a bike, helmet, long sleeves and pants and you can ride.
- It continues to be a place that draws families to participate together. Our riders age from 2 to well into their 60’s
- Riders compete hard against one another but will always wait at the finish line to fist bump and high five each other. ▲
- Older riders continue to coach and mentor the younger riders.
- Trophy nights occur on the last race of every month. Everyone celebrates the accomplishments of the newest and youngest, newest riders who get the largest trophies.

- And most importantly, No one rides the bench in BMX. The way our races are set up, each rider, no matter their age or ability, will have a competitive moto to ride in.

With these values in place for the past 30 years Nanaimo BMX has been successful in producing top level riders and attracting National and International attention. ▲

Riders like:

- The late Stevie Smith, UCI world downhill champion,
- Darren Berrecloth, world freeride champion
- Ben Leslie, 2018 Canadian Pro Champion all started their cycling careers at Nanaimo BMX.
- And top developing riders such as Piper Graaten and Alexander Booth, who are both top riders in both Canada and the US, both started at Nanaimo BMX. ▲

We are proud to say that in our 30 years of operation we have been completely self-sufficient. Our members have always been able to pull our resources together to rebuild sections of the track, repair equipment and buildings when necessary, and keep the track in pristine shape, not only for our benefit but also the entire community, as our track remains open to the public outside of scheduled race times. ▲

Now however, after 30 years of operation an infrastructure project is required. This upgrade is essential to keep our riders safe, and to be able to continue to offer our programming to our membership. ▲

The need to upgrade the infrastructure is not a new idea but really became a priority over the past two years. There are new technologies and design advancements making the sport safer for the participants and assisting in their development. During the past two years the club has reviewed our facility needs and undertaken a series of fundraising campaigns enabling us to take these discussions from ideas to reality. ▲

There has been a lot of community interest and support shown already, and now that we have been in discussions with the City staff, we have developed a clear vision and scope for this project to address our concerns

and needs, which will bring Nanaimo BMX and the Marie Davidson BMX park back to “***the***” destination track in North America. ▲

Specifically, our infrastructure upgrade will include:

- i. A New Safety Barrel start gate,
- ii. A larger start hill relocated to provide safer access,
- iii. A new track design offering a “Pro line” for a wider range of riding levels
- iv. And new lighting for the facility to bring lighting up to safe sporting levels
- v. These improvements would allow us to extend our season, hold larger events and to help position our riders to be on top of the podium for many years to come. ▲

Nanaimo BMX is looking to partner with the City for financial assistance in the amount of \$35,000; as well as, assistance with the planning and project management required for the Design Phase of this infrastructure upgrade. This next Design Development Phase of the project is crucial to allow us to understand the full scope and costs, and better enable us to reach out to the broader community to get behind this project. ▲

With these upgrades, Nanaimo BMX and the Marie Davidson BMX Park, could go another 30 years without major outside support. We are working with the Rotary Clubs of Nanaimo and other local businesses to bring this project to reality, and hope that the City to join in support.

Thank you again to Mayor and Council for this opportunity to present to you today. If anyone has any questions about this project or Nanaimo BMX and the programs we offer please do hesitate to ask...