

Beban Community Bike Park

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The Gyro Club of Nanaimo endorses the staff report to move forward on the bike park. We will start with a video presentation of Powell River's bike park which demonstrates our goals for Nanaimo.

Progress To-Date

* Working with the "Partners In The Park" program Gyro has contracted with Alpine Bike Parks /FlowForm Ramps to provide an initial concept plan & supply 5 launch ramps {\$16,000.00}, with MacKay Concrete to provide picnic tables & benches {\$4,900.00}, in addition to this we have a \$9,000.00 grant in place from the Canada 150 Fund & through Gyro from the Georgia Strait Challenge an additional \$12-15K bringing our cash contribution to approximately \$43,400.00

* For in-kind contributions we have commitments from Island West Coast Excavating, Knappett Industries, & Paw's Bobcat for equipment use & many operators volunteering to help build the park.

*After the tragedy of Stevie Smith's death the Steven Smith Foundation was formed, spearheaded by Michelle Corfield. It was Stevie's dream to build a bike park & develop young riders. Gyro & the Foundation decided to join forces on the park. The Foundation brings a huge synergy to the project with a large group of qualified friends eager to participate. Through their initial fund raising efforts they have commitments to cover most of the soft costs of the project plus some cash. The main outstanding items to purchase are the pre-manufactured features for which the Foundation & Gyro have some commitments in place now.

Summary

*The outside build prices, with the exception of designing and monitoring the final build, are basically covered with our in-kind contribution for labour and materials.

*The volunteer groups have the expertise and experience to build this park along with guidance and assistance from Parks and Rec.

*The park will be a great tourist asset to the town and our vision is to have youth participate in the build and they will then receive volunteer hours towards their graduation.

*Youth participation will give a strong sense of ownership.

*Stevie Smith, an accomplished world class downhill rider, who started his riding career at the Nanaimo BMX track, deserves to be recognized for his accomplishments and the ability to foster and encourage people to do their best.

Conclusion

In conclusion, we ask council to approve the concept plan, funding for design and upon completion of design to allow the volunteers to build the park.

This will be the best proposal the city will get this year.