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Dear Jill.

The following is a letter sent to folk who have concerns about the proposed racetrack expansion. While the open house has come and gone, the information is relevant.

The SNA will be writing a summary of what we learned from the open house and what our outstanding questions and concerns are. I would be happy to send this to you.

Cheers,
Isabel.

Here is the link to the rezoning documents, submitted by VIMC to North Cowichan.
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/r7m2e5sbz7nrfi0/AAAj6frSBZwMU9IFceieU6Iva?dl=0>

Dear friends.

As you are likely aware, Vancouver Island Motorsport Circuit has applied for a rezoning to triple the size of their racetrack. There is an open house this Saturday at the clubhouse.(November 17, 1-4pm) We are hoping that folk who have concerns, environmental or otherwise, will have a look at the above documents, attend the open house and then communicate any concerns you might have to our new council in preparation for the re-zoning, whenever that might happen.

There have been concerns expressed about the geotechnical report. (Items 18,19,20 in the dropbox list). We would welcome those amongst you with expertise in this area to give us your feedback. (sahtlamneighbours@gmail.com)

One of our big concerns is Menzies Creek and Bings Creek. The VIMC environmental report (item 13) seems to minimize the importance of the upper reaches of the creek; your feedback would be welcome. This area is receiving extra attention as the Somenos Marsh Society has embarked on the preliminary phases of their Greenway Project. The objective of this project is to create an environmental and cultural corridor from the Somenos watershed to Cowichan Bay estuary. They will be focussing initially on the Bings Creek watershed, assessing important species and potential impacts from development and suggesting necessary management actions.

And of course the acoustical impact of an expansion when we don't have a fix for Phase 1 is a huge cause for concern. Item 2 shows a map of phase 1; on it is a red line labelled "future sound dampening wall". Item 10 is a noise mitigation report which suggests a noise mitigation plan that extends that wall nearly 3/4 of the way up the western side of the track and includes 4 earth

berms/walls in the infield area. We are concerned that VIMC does not appear to have included the advice of its own experts in its plans for noise mitigation for Phase 1. There does not appear to be any plans for sound mitigation for the Phase 2 track in the documents provided.

Please take the time to have a look at these documents and attend the open house. And please let our new council know how you feel about the planned expansion so your voice can be taken into consideration when the rezoning hearings take place.

We hope to see you at the open house this Saturday.

Cheers,

Isabel

ps. Please cc any letters to sahtlamneighbours@gmail.com