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Subject: Proposal for a Paved Bike Park at Cowichan Sportsplex

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Dear Mr Douglas and Council

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the approval of a paved bike park at the unused gravel parking lot on the Northeast side of the Cowichan Sportsplex. As a proud member of this community, I firmly believe that adding this facility would bring immense benefits to residents and visitors alike while reinforcing our city's reputation as a premier biking destination.

The Cowichan Valley is already recognized for its exceptional cycling and mountain biking trails, drawing outdoor enthusiasts from across the island, and Province. A dedicated paved bike park (modeled after the [Jordie Lunn Bike Park](#)) would further solidify our status as a hub for cycling sports, attracting riders of all skill levels and creating new opportunities for tourism and economic growth. With increased foot traffic from cyclists and spectators, local businesses, and restaurants would undoubtedly experience positive economic impacts.

Additionally, a paved bike park would provide children and families with a safe, accessible environment to enjoy outdoor activity. In an era where physical activity among youth is declining, this initiative would promote healthy lifestyles, encourage sports participation, and foster a lifelong appreciation for cycling. By creating a space tailored for all skill levels—ranging from beginners to advanced riders—the park would serve as an inclusive, community-driven asset.

Furthermore, the addition of a bike park aligns seamlessly with the prestige of the existing Cowichan Sportsplex, reinforcing its status as a top-tier multi-sport facility. Expanding the Sportsplex's offerings to include a dedicated cycling space would attract more users, offer greater recreational diversity, and encourage residents to make the most of this exceptional facility.

Beyond these benefits, a paved bike park supports environmental sustainability by promoting non-motorized transportation and reducing reliance on vehicular travel within town. Providing dedicated biking infrastructure encourages eco-friendly commuting, which aligns with the city's broader environmental goals.

I urge you and the city council to seriously consider this proposal, as it presents undeniable advantages for our community, our youth, our economy, and our reputation as a vibrant sports destination. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this initiative further or contribute to any efforts in advancing this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response and the possibility of seeing this exciting vision come to life for the betterment of our municipality.

Sincerely,
Steve Desmone

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