



The DCA needs your input as residents of Dunmore on whether or not to move ahead with putting a pump track into our community.

Here's the deal: We polled the community 3 years ago about putting in a pump track and received overwhelming support. Time has gone by, and for a variety of reasons the project has taken the back burner. We are currently in the process of getting the development permit, insurance verification, and approval from the County to proceed. We have the funds which have been raised over the last 3 years to purchase the fill, and have a track layout developed.

**The Current Concept:** At this time, the DCA can commit to putting \$10,000 towards the track, which is essentially the cost of dirt and the equipment to create the course. This does not include labour, which we are counting on community members to provide. What we'd get at this stage, is a packed dirt track for kids to play on without any enhancements or permanent elements. This initial track is to be a test pilot to determine how popular it is, and whether the DCA should do additional fundraising and grant applications to upgrade it with an asphalt surface in 2-3 years time.

**The Issue:** This dirt track will be susceptible to wind and water erosion, as well as rutting from regular use. The DCA acknowledges and is prepared to fund the additional material to build up and fill in areas needing it each Spring but cannot commit funds to hire a maintenance crew. We have already been warned by the County that if the track becomes an eyesore, it will be removed. To be frank, the board members are not prepared to commit time all summer to maintain it on top of all the other tasks they are performing. Please remember that board members who plan our community events and work on projects do so in a volunteer capacity and there is a limit to that which we can expect of this small group of individuals. To that end, we put it to the broader community:

**The Question:** Is this project important enough to you that you (and your family) will commit to going over once per year to pull weeds, rake/fill rain holes in the track, and do garbage pick-up in the area? Will you personally invest in this project's success?

**What's at Stake:** The DCA has tried to implement projects that are sustainable with minimum upkeep effort (eg. EDF Outdoor Recreation Centre, bathrooms, skate shack). The pump track will NOT fall into this category for potentially 3 years (the first 2 years being the test pilot stage, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for applying for grants and fundraising if it is deemed

worthy of moving on to the next stage of development). It will require continual upkeep and volunteers. If the desire for a pump track has changed, and there isn't community commitment to look after it as a group, then it will be necessary to terminate the project now. As you know, Dunmore Days generates funds that the DCA uses for community events and projects. It is essentially YOUR money that we are stewards of, and we do not want to waste it on a track that may be removed if maintenance issues are encountered. We've had a lot of growth in Dunmore over the last 5 years, and there are plenty of other ways to benefit our community recreational spaces without the inclusion of a pump track.

Please post your comments and ideas below, or email [dcadirectors@gmail.com](mailto:dcadirectors@gmail.com). The decision to move forward or not will be made at the upcoming April 14<sup>th</sup> DCA Annual General Meeting at the Cypress Council Chamber. This meeting is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

Thanks in advance for considering this project and for giving your valued opinion and feedback!