

Subject: FW: Committees, etc.

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;

I am forwarding this message at the request of a citizen on the crucial and controversial question of mountain biking which is dividing the community.

My personal view is that mountain biking adjacent to residential areas is fraught with serious consequences. I believe it was a serious and costly mistake when the Council agreed to accommodate this sport at the top of Mountain Highway and the adjacent areas. It is also very costly for the municipality. Although I recognize the validity of this sport I believe it should be accommodated in an area away from residential areas. Fortunately we have plenty of places in the more isolated areas of the North Shore including on GVRD land which could be used for this purpose.

Ernie Crist

-----Original Message-----

From: M E Craver [<mailto:mecraver@shaw.ca>]

Sent: January 7, 2004 10:42 AM

To: Ernie Crist

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Dear Councillor Crist:

Yesterday, after District office hours, I sent in my usual "Mountain View Park update". You may have received it by now. We have attended the Lynn Valley Community Association, and have spoken with Maureen Bragg, the president of the organization. She says we are not the only ones who have addressed the problem of Mountain Biking to the LVCA, and that letters have been presented to council to that effect through the community organization. I also know that there are mountain biking enthusiasts in our neighbourhood. This is why a solution to the problem is needed quickly to satisfy both sides of the argument. The constant delay, task forcing, meetings, etc., have divided the neighbourhood already. It is hard when you say hello to a neighbour, and they ignore you because they feel you are against mountain biking. I never said that. I am only against it being an unregulated sport with enough Yahoos in it to spoil it for those who may be sincerely trying to find real solutions. I am also against it in Mountain View Park, for reasons already stated.

I feel I should let you know that I am a member of a church divided, on the North Shore, that has been in the news the past year. Meetings, task forces, delays, etc. have divided the people even further, as the "ruling" parties who should make a difference are sitting on their thumbs. People are slowly leaving our church because of lack of real decision making. In effect, by allowing what is happening and not putting a stop to it while "making decisions" that go on and on, they are alienating one side and favouring the other without saying so. Actions or inaction toward problems say alot. People feel the decision has already been made, and delay tactics work only to cause people on the "other side" to eventually give up or become apathetic to their plight. Then, according to the ruling parties, the problem has been resolved without anything being done because the other side has given up due to inaction and apathy. This is how I see the mountain biking problem. While task forcing and other things are being "decided", the mountain bikers are still allowed free rein in the mountains with little restriction if any, and still allowed to ride in Mountain View Park, even though the proper thing would be to restrict it while decisions are being made. If the park were closed to every one until decisions made,

I could live with that. That way the mountain bikers couldn't call "foul". But, like many neighbours, already, I fear the decisions may have been made through lack of real intervention. Meanwhile, a neighbourhood is at odds. Please forward this to the other councillors, the mayor, and relevant staff, as you see fit. Thank you.

Yours truly,
Monica Craver

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