

Subject: FW: Mountain Biking

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: RE: Mountain Biking

Dear Mr.

I have absolutely no recollection of having said that "trails and structures should be dismantled". Not once did I suggest that. Clearly we can accommodate local bikers although even that creates difficulties.

What I did say and you may wish to listen when the program is repeated on Channel 4 this coming Saturday at 9 am is, that, this is a fast growing sport with regional, national and international implications growing so fast, in fact, that it will overwhelm us locally - we will not be able to handle it.

Subsequently I proposed an alternative which is visionary, practical, doable, economical and fair - the very reason why it was not adopted. As it is, we will proceed with an expensive, ad hoc "solution" that will solve nothing and satisfy no one - not the bikers and not the residents. It will however, cost us a great deal of money while, at the same time, produce a huge and costly bureaucracy.

And, for what it's worth, the Mayor's comments that my proposal may not be practical because it is in the "watershed" was a red herring since the GVRD owns suitable terrain in the area that is NOT in the watershed. Unfortunately there was no opportunity for a rebuttal on my part. A great deal was said about leadership but you cannot provide leadership if you have no vision and one thing we can be sure of is that the present Council has no vision.

The solution I offered is inevitable but neither the bikers nor the politicians plagued by mediocrity and lack executive ability are ready for this. Subsequently, we will suffer and waste a great deal of time, paper and money. In other words, we will carry on with business as usual. I only did my duty which is try to be constructive, practical and forward looking while at the same time saving taxpayers and bikers alike both money and grief.

Ernie Crist


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Dear Mr Crist

Having e-mailed you on an earlier date with regards to the parking issues for upper Mountain Hwy residents, I find it very disheartening you're lack of vision towards the Mountain Bike Community. As I stated to you before, I am a resident of NV, 41 yrs of age with 3 children. I would very much like them to experience the passion of the sport as I do. The trails on Fromme are renowned around the world of Mtn Bikers and should be built into a positive for the district not a negative.

I understand from last nights meeting you were all for having these trails and structures on Fromme dismantled. If this is the case you can no longer count on my vote in the next election. I have voted for you for many years but this will end with your reply stating the above comments to be true. I really cannot understand why you of all people could not find the benefits of this industry.

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