

Subject: RE: Fromme

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Dear Ms Hunter:

Thank you for your response re this issue. Allow me to make two brief points.

1) We are working on a long term strategic plan in the hope that we can make the situation better not just for the residents but also for the mountain bikers themselves and

2) While I fully appreciate that 95% of the bikers are responsible people I must tell you that unfortunately not all of them fall into that category. It is the usual story, a few rotten eggs can spoil it for the many. This appears to be one of the reasons why mountain biking has been banned from several municipalities including in the Lower Mainland.

I believe you would be appalled if I would show you some of the emails I have received. It is too bad for this is a great sport in the right environment. However, if my proposal is adopted, the pressure on both bikers and residents and indirectly the municipality will be alleviated or eliminated altogether. We must not forget that this sport is international in its appeal and is destined to grow astronomically. Subsequently, it will require a great deal of outdoor space. We are fortunate to be in a position to provide that space on the North Shore albeit not necessarily in the vicinity of developed areas.

Once again, I want to thank you for your input.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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

From: Sophie Hunter [<mailto:sophieh@whitecap.ca>]

Sent: March 10, 2004 9:26 AM

To: Mayor Bell; Ernie Crist; Janice Harris; Maureen McKeon Holmes; Lisa Muri; Alan Nixon; Richard Walton

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Good morning,

I work and live in Deep Cove, North Vancouver. I have been a resident since 1982. My main method of transportation from home to my place of employment is my mountain bike. I am not a trail rider nor have I any intention of becoming one. However, I do follow all issues pertaining to cycling advocacy and access.

Over the past month, I have read about the dispute surrounding Fromme in The North Shore News and heard about it while having my bike serviced at John Henry Bikes. I am very concerned that the trails in the Fromme mountain area might be closed to mountain bikers.

The environmental concerns and parking issues are legitimate, not to mention questions about rude mountain bikers. Having said that, these issues can be worked on and a compromise can be found. My understanding is that the NSMBA is committed to finding a workable resolution that addresses these issues and keeps the trail open. I hope that all of you are committed to doing the same.


The North Shore is world famous for its mountain biking trails, along with the mountain bikers it produces. Whenever I walk past the Lazy Bay Café, it is packed with mountain bikers, all spending their money supporting local, independently-owned businesses in our community.

I opened the Globe and Mail this morning and read a story on how obesity will now pass smoking as the leading cause of death in the US. We are heading the same direction ourselves. One of the few outdoor, healthy activities I routinely see teenagers participating in on the North Shore is mountain biking. I cannot imagine why we would want to make it harder for this group to put down their joysticks and get outside.

I sincerely hope a resolution can be found that includes all parties.

Thank you for your time.
Warmest regards,
Sophie Hunter

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