

Subject: FW: Donnybrook over Mountain Biking in Vancouver, BC

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From: Mike Vandeman [<mailto:mjvande@pacbell.net>]

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Subject: Donnybrook over Mountain Biking in Vancouver, BC

Dear Mayor, Councillors, and Senior DNV Staff:

I was thinking back to some comments made by Councillor Nixon about why the Bike Shops, etc. are not coming to the table on the Mountain Biking issue. This is not the first time this question has come up at a council meeting in regards to mountain bike issues. I believe my answer I gave to Councillor Crist with regards to another e-mail re: GVRD issues and mountain biking tells the story. Meanwhile, I am still getting attempted virus messages on my computer which I can trace to two mountain bikers. I have proof. They are calling me a liar, etc., but I have not presented to Council anything that I cannot prove. I believe the abuse the nsmb.com and NSMBA are inflicting on me and others involved amount to libel. The fact that Council stands shoulder to shoulder with this "wonderful" sport, at the expense of Mountain View Park, and the Upper Lynn residential community, is not commendable at all. People are beginning to sit up and take note at how this serious issue is being handled. It is time to stop coddling the mountain bikers, and hold them accountable for their actions, especially their behaviour in residential areas and in the forests where they pursue their sport illegally. Remember, Mountain Biking in Fromme and other District forests and parks is still illegal. Mountain View Park cannot carry upwards of 60,000 mountain bikers during summer or yearly, nor can this neighbourhood. Yesterday, I saw two mountain bikers race across a couple lawn, including my own, at high speeds. A young child or elderly person would not have the time to jump out of the way, as these bikers came around a bend which poses a blind spot. Stop catering to the wiles of mountain bikers, and start to gain control over the sport which has taken our neighbourhood "hostage". Take action now, and without sacrificing Mountain View Park Please look at the following e-mail. Feedback is encouraged. Thank you.

Monica Craver

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Subject: Let's Face It...

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Dear Councillor Crist:

Excuse my language when I say that the Mountain Bike issue is like "S--t on a stick". Once it is in an area, it is hard to get rid of. Also, when you try to pass it on to other jurisdictions, they find every excuse not to take it. It goes on and on. Banning or containing the sport in a controllable and enforcable area is about the only solution. The NSMBA talks about a bike park at Inter River Park. Is that something that is actually on the table? That is really all that DNV can handle or control considering the lack of funding to carry this sport. Also, every time I am at Council for a Mountain Bike meeting, someone keeps asking why the Bike shops and manufacturers are not at the table. Why should they be? They are out to milk these mountain bikers for \$2000 and upwards bikes while they can. They also sell parts because if you like to make 15 to 20 foot jumps with your bike, something will break. The bikers moan and groan constantly about the


cost of replacement parts on their bikes. So why should these retailers and manufacturers come aboard. They are out to make a profit while it lasts on these gullible folk. They are out to sell, and do not care about the environment, as they know that someday this sport may be banned altogether, and they are back to selling \$200 street bikes. My bike cost \$99 at Sears, and takes me where I want to go, and other than a tire blowout, has not needed repair. Not much of a money maker for the bike shops, there. In fact, the bike shops and manufacturers should be sued for coming out with these 50 to 60 lb bikes in our forest, and a certain percentage should be for repairing the damage in our forest lands. I could go on and on. It is also creating social problems in our cities and forests, not helping them. Got to sign off, now, as my son is in a Scout Parade at North Lonsdale United. Take care.

Monica Craver

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I am working on creating wildlife habitat that is off-limits to humans ("pure habitat"). Want to help? (I spent the previous 8 years fighting auto dependence and road construction.)

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