

Subject: Response to a Lynn Valley residents concerning Mountain Biking and parking in the Lynn Valley area.

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Dear Mr. Lloyd:

Mountain Biking is a specialized sport which requires a special environment away from residential areas as well as municipal parks.

Large undeveloped areas do exist on the North Shore and could be used to accommodate this sport. That some members of District Council questioned this fact is really quite irrelevant since experts both local and from other parts of the world have long since confirmed that the areas in question are not only suited for such purposes but are ideal. This includes areas under the jurisdiction of the GVRD. However, when I made this proposal to Council, it was defeated. Vision is not a blessing extended to everybody.

With the exception of only one or two residents, there was no one present during the Council debate to defend the interest of Lynn Valley against the effects of mountain biking either in terms of parking, degradation of the environment or any of its other adverse effects. On the other hand there were over a hundred mountain bikers present, including mostly, none local residents. They demanded that they be given free access to our local mountains and parks including Fromme Mountain and Mountain View Park. Council not only agreed but will spend large sums of taxpayers money to accommodate them. However, the money required to resolve the inherent contradictions between this sport and the interests of local residents will skyrocket and will in the end defy solution. Other than myself only one member of Council voted against the motion to sacrifice the livability of Lynn Valley including your street.

Therefore you may expect problems associated with this sport such as parking etc to continue and, in fact, get worse. This is a fast growing sport and will require an army of bylaw enforcement officers to adequately control the situation.

If you have concerns regarding this prospect you may consider forming an organization of effected residents to influence Council's decisions or join with other Lynn Valley residents who are equally affected. In the final analysis such issues are decided based on strength and numbers or, to put it another way, it will be determined by who can mobilize more battalions to quote Napoleon Bonaparte.

I wish to emphasize that my attempts to provide alternative sites for this sport are not based on any animosity against either the bikers or their sport. I do believe however that, Lynn Valley is an easy target for this Council since the Lynn Valley Community has proven to be ineffective in speaking up for its residents. It is unlikely that such an imposition on local residents would have been tolerated in other areas of the District.

If you wish to find out the names of people who were courageous enough to stand up and defend the livability of their neighborhoods, you may call the Municipal Clerk and she will surely give you the names of these people.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

