

**Subject: FW: The Banning of Mountain Bikers on Vancouver's North Shore.**

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From: Ernie Crist

Sent: March 25, 2004 6:32 PM

To: 'Jordan Soprovich'

Subject: RE: The Banning of Mountain Bikers on Vancouver's North Shore.

Dear Mr. Soprovich:

I did not write a letter to the Province much less under a false name. Indeed, I do not even know what you are talking about. Clearly you do not know me.

Ernie Crist

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

From: Jordan Soprovich [[mailto:mtb\\_rulez34@hotmail.com](mailto:mtb_rulez34@hotmail.com)]

Sent: March 25, 2004 5:31 PM

To: Ernie Crist

Subject: The Banning of Mountain Bikers on Vancouver's North Shore.

Dear Councillor Crist,

It would seem as though through the efforts of yourself and a couple other narrow-minded citizens of North Vancouver, thousands of people are not being allowed the right to enjoy an area of this country that is world famous and renowned by millions of fellow mountain bikers in Canada alone. I am not a resident of North Vancouver, and in fact live in Whitehorse, Yukon where we have had very similar land-use issues between ourselves and various other groups. One of the largest drawings in terms of tourism right now in the greater vancouver area right now, is in fact mountain biking. These people; myself included come from B.C. and beyond to enjoy these trails, and when we do; we stay in LOCAL hotels, shop at LOCAL bike shops, and eat at LOCAL restaurants and grocery stores. They contribute to the local economy, Mr. Crist. The North Shore is a place where Multi-million dollar bike companies like Norco and Rocky Mountain make their homes. Without the Mountain Bikers on the North Shore, many places would not be accessable to hikers and people walking their dogs. Many people other than hikers and "baby boomers" who by the way invented the mountain bike enjoy the North Shore and it's many features.

As to the letter that YOU posted in the Vancouver Province (and yes I read it) under a false name, It is completely ludicrous and makes absolutely no sense. I doubt that any mountain biker with half a brain would crack open a 6 pack of beer on the way up the hill before the ride. As to the glass on the trail caused by discarded beer bottles, this is a ridiculous statement. Tires cost a lot of money Mr. Crist. If anything, the glass is being purposefully scattered there by residents seeking vigilante justice, and causing serious bodily harm. When I was riding the North Shore trails this summer, there wasn't very much glass on the trails, and where there was glass, my friends and I picked it up! Not only is this dangerous to that person, but dangerous to the others in the group, who are riding in complete control and within their abilities. Claims that we mountain bikers are destroying the trails by removing the topsoil and quickening the rate of erosion are false as well. If anything the NSMBA and other people are trying to prevent this by having days when they will go and fix trails that are eroded, and generally beautifying the area.

The claims made by yourself in a CBC interview on Tuesday March 24, 2004 about how mountain bikers should ride their bikes in the sand of the desert is ridiculous. Not only can you not ride a bike in the desert due to the

extreme heat, and the inability to ride a bike far in deep sand without bogging down, but you suggest that a multi million dollar industry that has pumped millions of dollars into the City of Vancouver should merely stop doing what they are doing? I think not. By the way, yes I did listen to the whole interview.

Councillor Crist, your views are out dated and simply wrong. Banning mountain biking from the North Shore would not only ruin it for mountain bikers who live in the vicinity of the north shore, but ruin it for the thousands of people who come from Canada and abroad to enjoy what has become a "Mecca" of mountain biking.


Jordan Soprovich, Whitehorse Yukon

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