

Subject: FW: Mountain Biking Concerns

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From: Ernie Crist

Sent: March 25, 2004 7:04 PM

To: 'gthompson@insurebc.ca'

Subject: RE: Mountain Biking Concerns

Dear Mr. Thompson

Surely you understood that the comment about biking in the sand was made tongue in cheek. As for the rest of your assumptions I really don't know where you got the idea that I am against Mountain Biking. I am against playing tennis on the streets but that does not mean I am against playing tennis. Every sport needs its special environment and so does Mountain Biking. We are working on fabulous pootentail places in the Mountains to accommodate this sport now that I have agreement from the GVRD and not too far from the present areas. It will include parking and road access. Your hostile attitude will only make this dream more difficult. Tell that to your friends.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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From: gthompson@insurebc.ca [<mailto:gthompson@insurebc.ca>]

Sent: March 25, 2004 4:47 PM

To: Ernie Crist

Cc: Mayor Bell; Janice Harris

Subject: Mountain Biking Concerns

Councilor Crist;

I have a question for you: How can you possibly beleive that it's feasible for North Vancouver residents to ride in the desert, have you ever biked in sand?

Seriously, as a someone who has grown up on the North Shore I have to share my concerns about your anti-cycling views. Throughout my travels I tell people that I come from the "North Shore". Their first question is always: "That's amazing do you ride?", . The "North Shore" has a world class reputation as having the best biking anywhere.

Imagine if you were a councilor in Whistler and told the residents that because of a few complaints you were inacting a bylaw to prevent people from skiing. Would you expect an outcry from the citizens?

My request as one of your constituents: Work with the NSMBA in good faith, mountain bikers are not the enemy ~ they are our friends and neighbors.

Best Regards,

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