

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Mountain View Park]

Date: Wed, 25 Feb 2004 22:53:28 -0800

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Subject: RE: Mountain View Park

Date: Wed, 25 Feb 2004 20:49:54 -0800

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CC: Senior Management Committee <managemcomm@dnv.org>, "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>

Dear Sirs,

I find the position expressed by Mr. Crist extreme and biased, and not supported by my experience as a mountain biker for 15 years on the North Shore. As resident here since 1980, I cannot see any deterioration of the nature experience in our community. Trails are necessary for access to the outdoors. The extreme environmental view that people must be shut out from nature at all cost is not supported by the majority, nor is the 'Go somewhere else. Not In My Backyard' position.

Different activities can coexist, and with proper planning, guidance and training by responsible organizations like the North Shore Mountainbiking Association, the majority of riders can and do make a point of being considerate of others and sensitive to the natural surroundings.

There will always be exceptions. Many people can quote personal experience with 'horrible dog owners', 'irresponsible horseback riders' and trail runners that bowl down anyone in their path. They are exceptions. The vast majority of mountainbikers are responsible community residents.

Personally I am 57 years old, retired, and an avid mountain biker that derive enormous physical and mental benefits from the sport. NSMBA and other organizations, community residents, and the Municipality should work together to reduce destructive and ugly side effects of using common parkland. However, enjoyment of the great resource we share should be promoted and enhanced. Restricting and shutting out a particular activity is no way to make North Vancouver a great place to live.

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

From: Ernie Crist [mailto:ernie_crist@dnv.org]

Sent: February 25, 2004 12:45 AM

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

Cc: Senior Management Committee; FONVCA (E-mail)

Subject: RE: Mountain View Park

Dear Sir:

The use of Mountain View Park by mountain bikers has seriously and adversely impacted this park. The same is true for other active recreational areas where mountain biking has been allowed. Mountain Biking and other standard recreational activities including hiking are simply not compatible. It is like forcing a square peg into a round hole - like mixing fire and water.

Mountain biking may be a wonderful sport, however, it requires special designated areas away from residential areas. There are plenty such places on the North Shore including in the so called recreational hinterland.

The District Council made a serious and altogether costly mistake when they accommodated mountain biking in the present designated areas for it is a no win situation that can only lead to endless and unnecessary confrontations between bikers and the public. Not to mention that it is also extremely expensive.

I have and will continue to press for a strategic, a more practical and more cost effective solution. This means that I will continue to push to develop areas within GVRD and/or provincial government owned or administrated lands that are more suitable for this otherwise wonderful sport.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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

From: Fred Jorgensen [mailto:fred.jorgensen@telus.net]

Sent: February 24, 2004 9:39 PM

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

Subject: RE: Mountain View Park

Dear Sirs,

The attached is to communicate my support for the proposed solution to multi use trails in Mountain View Park.

I hope council will act speedily on the recommendation from the Community Planning Board.

Thank You,

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