

Subject: FW: North shore mountain biking issue

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To: Ernie Crist

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I recently read on NSMB.com about some issues going in in your area. And also about some initiatives that you apparently feel are not fiscally sound or at the very least fiscally beneficial. I am an R.N. from Miami Florida, USA, I ride with a large group of friends who are usually labeled "freeriders" or "downhillers". We regard the North Shore as our Mecca, and as such we (as a group) make 2 pilgrimages a year to "The Shore". On average (not including airfare) each rider from our group spends approximately \$2000.00 usd (\$2480.00 cad at the current exchange rate) per trip to your area. This money is spent on accommodations, food, guides, local bike shops, park entry fees, etc...

So, on average "we" as a group spend \$120,000.00 usd or \$148,800.00 cad per year in your area and on you local businesses. And with each trip our group grows by a few members. I'm sure we are not alone in our mountain biking trips to "The Shore". Each trip we meet people from all over Canada and the world who have come there for the specific purpose of mountain biking. Our sport is an amazing one and we very much treasure out trips to Canada. I speak for all of my friends and riding buddies in saying that I hope that you support mountain biking on the North Shore as loyally and as generously as we do. Thank you for your time and attention.

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