

Subject: RE: Notice of Motion - Mountain Biking

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CC: "Senior Management Committee" <managecomm@dnv.org>, <fonvca@fonvca.org>, <Cagebc@yahoo.com>

Dear Mr. Johnston;

Thank you for your support:

In addition to the concerns expressed by District residents, hikers, recreationists and people enjoying the natural forest environment of the North Shore Mountains especially Fromme Mountain regarding off street biking in forested and Mountainous areas, the "Black Bear Network" in a recent brief to Council communicated the following concerns.

"In the much ignored field of bear& wildlife existence and their very survival, it would appear that Mountain Bikers, erosion, off-leash dogs, and the removal of forest detritus pose the biggest concern and these activities should be closely monitored and restricted, closed or stopped where deemed prudent".

It further states, "It is without doubt that mountain biking has a much bigger negative impact on wildlife than hiking (even more so, mountain biker's racing along with off-leash dogs)" "Please restrict bicycles and other vehicles to pavements where they belong and where they can't do any harm to wildlife. Mountain biking is a very destructive activity, and has no place in natural areas".

My own additional comments are that this is the reason why biking in mountain areas of the world is restricted or banned altogether. It is also the reason why large numbers of Mountain Bikers from other countries have voiced their strong support for mountain biking on Fromme Mountain in the District of North Vancouver as being the last place where Mountain Biking can occur.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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

From: Laurie Johnston [mailto:lauriej_v7g@yahoo.com]

Sent: Monday, February 14, 2005 5:18 AM

To: Mayor and Council - DNV

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To the Mayor and Council,

I wish to express my support for Councillor Crist's recent motion that the District put a moratorium on all mountain biking on Fromme Mountain until a full report has been obtained, including clarification of the willingness of the GVRD and the provincial government to accommodate this sport on their lands.

I fully agree with his concerns regarding the environmental damage caused by mountain biking.

The reasons for my support for his motion are also clearly set forth in the email dated February 8, 2005 sent to you by Messrs Stacey and Connie Gutierrez, in which they thoroughly explain the concern of local residents about the appalling effects of traffic that would result from a parking lot at the top of Mountain Highway.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Johnston
2443 Panorama Dr.
North Vancouver-----

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