

Subject: RE: Councillor Ernie Crist's Mtn Bike opposition

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A RESPONSE FROM ERNIE CRIST

I can certainly appreciate the dilemma this gentleman faces as there are no mountains in Alberta nor in Peru, Washington, Europe, the UK, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa nor in any other place. Come to think of it, Mount Fromme on the North Shore in B.C. is the only mountain in the world which by sheer accident also happens to be close to Grouse Mountain Resort Ltd. It also happens to be in a municipality called the District of North Vancouver where they don't have enough Money to keep the streets litter free, not enough Money for sidewalks, nor for the upkeep of parks or to provide public access to the waterfront, not to speak of their recreation facilities, which are deteriorating at a rapid pace. Never mind their support for the arts which is on a par with Somalia. They are however, contemplating spending a million dollars to build parking facilities to accommodate Mountain Biking, but then that is just for starters. They are also contemplating charging their local residents parking fees for parking in their own parks to pay for the upkeep of parks, so they say, or is it to pay for parking facilities for Mountain Bikers?

Ernie Crist

From: Mayor Harris
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2005 10:37 AM
To: Jared Goretzky
Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV
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Thank you for your email regarding Mountain Biking. For your information this issue is still in active discussion. I am anticipating that after the workshop the Alpine Strategic Plan will be returned to a Council meeting and a formal decision will be made at that time. Dates of meetings are advertised every Friday in our "District Dialogue" in the North Shore News.

Mayor Janice Harris

From: Jared Goretzky [<mailto:jgoretzky@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2005 5:57 AM
To: Mayor Harris
Cc: Ernie Crist; Maureen McKeon Holmes; sunletters@png.canwest.com; editor@nsnews.com; Alan Nixon; Jim Cuthbert; cam@nsmb.com
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Dear Mr. Harris,
I have been following the report opposition from Councillor Ernie Crist opposition to Mt. Fromme as a suitable area for Mountain Biking on the website www.nsmb.com. This site has allowed Mountain bikers from across western Canada follow the misguided opposition of Councillor Crist.
I am a resident of Edmonton Alberta. I would like to point out me and

my friends have made several trips to the North Shore to ride the trails. In all trips we have respected the locals and have admired the beauty of the mountains.

I feel if Councillor Crist is allowed to close Mt. Fromme to riding, Councillor Crist will be able to close even more mountains for riding. If more trails are closed where are Mountain bikers supposed to ride? Shouldn't we be promoting ALL sports among our youth. This sport provides an outlet for youth who don't fit into team sports. But allows them to be creative and spend their energy in a positive and rewarding activity.

Several of your voters are mountain bikers please listen to their voice. Also, please take into consideration the revenue these trails pump into your economy. Yes there are non locals coming into the area but this does promote BC and Vancouver tourism. Has the Councillor really looked at the big picture of his opposition?

I do admit yes trails need to managed properly, so future generations can use them. But to close a Mt. will only make animosity between riders and other users of the mountain.

Regards,

with sympathy to North Shore local riders,
Jared Goretzky



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