

**Subject: FW: Policy Meeting on Alpine Recreation Strategic Study**

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Subject: Re: Policy Meeting on Alpine Recreation Strategic Study

Dear Mayor and Council.

I am writing this not only as a member of the North Shore Mountain Bike Association but as a resident of the District of North Vancouver.

It was my understanding that the meeting of Monday January 31, 2005 was scheduled to provide District Staff the opportunity to get direction from Council. Staff obtained information from the public based on input from various public meetings held over the last year and a half. This input included baseline information provided by environmental and transportation studies carried out by private contractors.

It was my understanding that the public input process had largely been completed and agenda items requiring Council's direction include direction on the issue of parking lots to provide access to Mt. Fromme for all users. These users include mountain bikers, hikers, dog walkers etc. Staff also wanted to clarify direction on the issue of accomodating mountain-biking and multi-use trails in the Mt Fromme area.

Might I remind Mayor and Council that this Study was initiated in large part due to parking and access issues in Upper Lynn Valley and secondarily due to environmental concerns due to trails in the North Shore? This fact seems to have been lost.

Many people participated in the public meetings in good faith under the assumption that their input which directed Staff's recommendations would have some merit. The result of last Monday's meeting suggest that this effort is for naught and that this study will be paralyzed by the need to continually add further issues to study and resurrect old issues previously believed settled.

While the issues presented during the recent public input are important, they detract from the issues that brought us here in the first place.

Again I agree the new issues brought up are important and need to be addressed. Perhaps they can be address in another venue (perhaps under existing frameworks?)so that this process and the Alpine Recreational Study can result in some meaningful progress to developing a framework for resource management.


It is frustrating to see some issues that were previously sidelined brought up time and time again like hoary zombie corpses rising from the grave. In particular, again I see Councillor Crist bring up the tired old "square peg in a round hole" saw and seek to ban mountain-biking on district forest lands and relegate mountain-biking to other areas.

Until we resolve the access issue on Mt. Fromme this same issue will continue to trouble Mayor, Council and residents and no progress will be made.

Lets move forward.

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