

Subject: [Fwd: Mountain Biking in North Vancouver]

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Greetings to everyone,

I am writing this letter to provide some information on the issue of mountain bike trail access in your district, specifically Mt. Fromme. I am writing from Ottawa, a place I hope some of you have visited or would like to visit because we have some wonderful attractions that many of you would enjoy, just like you have attractions people like to visit in your district. Mountain biking on Mt. Fromme is a worldwide attraction to your district, people from around the globe visit your district every year and many times more people hope to one day spend some time riding the District's trails. I am part of a group of 8 people in Ottawa who make the trek to The North Shore every summer, we are 30+ year old professionals who are choosing to vacation in your District every year. We rent vehicles, stay in hotels, hire professional guides, eat in restaurants, buy cycling equipment and other various items all on the North Shore. We are just one group from Ottawa, I know of several other groups who make the trip regularly. Last summer in a grocery store parking lot near Mountain Highway, we were approached by a gentleman from New Zealand asking for directions to the trails. We brought him along with us for the day and he had a great time, turns out he was touring Canada for the summer and decided to spend a full week in North Vancouver to explore the trails on Mt. Fromme. He came from New Zealand to ride your trails, very few places on the planet have that power of attraction, please help ensure that attraction remains.

I understand there are many complex issues to be solved including environmental concerns, liability, parking and the general concerns of residents living near the trailheads. These are all very legitimate issues, they need to be dealt with and I am sure you all capable of dealing with complicated issues while working towards solutions acceptable to all parties. I don't live close enough to be involved enough to understand the issues let alone contribute strongly to the resolutions but I do beg you to strive strongly toward resolutions that allow mountain biking to continue to thrive in your district.

Mountain bikers are generally environmentally and health conscious people, in today's world we are truly friends of society. I know there are examples of poor conduct by some people in the mountain biking community and I feel very bad about that but I believe that better behavior is best influenced by other mountain bikers, as the District works with the bikers even more than they currently do, these poor behaviors will almost certainly be reduced. Positive influence is a better tactic than strong arming.

Thank you for reading my letter, please consider all the benefits mountain biking on Mt. Fromme brings to your area as you work to resolve the issues facing mountain bikers in your district.

Sincerely,
John King