

**Subject: [Fwd: Re: Active Eco Tourism]**

**Date:** Wed, 09 Feb 2005 22:49:03 -0800

**From:** Brian Platts <bplatts@shaw.ca>

**To:** Corrie Kost <kost@triumf.ca>

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**Subject: Re: RE: Active Eco Tourism**

**Date:** Wed, 09 Feb 2005 13:31:59 -0800

**From:** PAT MUNROE <pat.munroe@shaw.ca>

**To:** Ernie Crist <ernie\_crist@dnv.org>

**CC:** Mayor and Council - DNV <Council@dnv.org>, Senior Management Committee <managecomm@dnv.org>, fonvca@fonvca.org, Cagebc@yahoo.com

Dear Ernie,

As usual, I fully respect your sincere interest in the concerns of the residents and the protection of the environment.

I hope that eco-tourism is an objective of the District. The opportunities for employment by active North Vancouver youth who wish to remain in NV and love the natural environment must still be a high priority for many residents with families. It is also in keeping with the active outdoor lifestyle for which the area is so well know. The environmental issues should be addressed and included in any goals or objectives.

Eco-tourism opportunities, as with any other industry, will have a number of challenges which require solutions.

With all due acknowledgement of to what has been done elsewhere, in other countries or on other continents, I do feel that opportunities in Eco-tourism in North Vancouver should be given a better chance than being discounted out of hand.

I am not convinced that the environmental challenges cannot be overcome by capable people in North Vancouver like yourself who could certainly consider solutions.

It is a matter of identifying common goals and then and only then agreeing on the methodology to achieve such goals.

I am sure that many feel Eco-tourism is still an honorable goal and one which respects the direction of the new generation while at the same time honoring the concerns of the overall community.

Don't you feel that burying our heads in the sand usually means we get runover by progress and miss opportunities to ensure that adequate controls and protections are put in place. Bob Dylan's warning that 'Times are a-changing' still applies, doesn't it?

Knowing of and respecting your sincere interest in the concerns of the residents and the protection of the environment, I would hope you could be encouraged to take a leadership role in helping such a process to take place. Perhaps you may feel a Task Force is suitable.

Highest Regards

Pat

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

From: Ernie Crist <ernie\_crist@dnv.org>

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2005 9:16 am

Subject: RE: Active Eco Tourism

> Dear Pat:

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> Mountain Biking in forested areas wreaks havoc. This is why it is  
> banned in forested areas in Europe.

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> Ernie Crist

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: PAT MUNROE [pat.munroe@shaw.ca]  
> Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2005 9:02 AM  
> To: Mayor and Council - DNV; Senior Management Committee;  
> fonvca@fonvca.org; Cagebc@yahoo.com  
> Cc: Ernie Crist  
> Subject: Active Eco Tourism

> To All,

> The apparent wide ranging interest for the use of North Vancouver for  
> mountain biking should be considered as a Eco-Tourism industry  
> opportunity.

> It seems that the portions of North Vancouver used for mountain biking  
> trails should be treated as recreation facilities.

> By this I mean they should be maintained and cared for in the same way  
> as playing fields and other recreation facilities. This of course  
> means facing the reality of the care and attention such areas  
> require to  
> protect the natural environment.

> Nevertheless, the mountain biking activity, obviously, is a great  
> recreation focus for many North Vancouver residents and is a tourist  
> attraction for many from elsewhere and around the world.

> It would be a shame to deny the reality of the benefits of the trails,  
> but at the same time the cost of having them must be met by the  
> District.

> Environment, traffic, public transportation, parking and all other  
> related needs, as well as the residents concerns must, of course, be  
> addressed.

> How the District will get reimbursed should be addressed... by taxes,  
> user fees, etc. Perhaps GVRD support, maybe even the Feds (such as,  
> through Federal Liberal BC Caucus chairman Don Bell).

> However, the reality of neighbourhood concerns must be the top  
> priority of the District Council.

> Regards  
> Pat Munroe