

Subject: [Fwd: Councillor Crist]

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Subject: Councillor Crist

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I am writing to express my disappointment that Councillor Crist is once again proposing to halt mountain biking on Mt Fromme.

DNV should take the hint from the wildly successful and self sustaining MTB communities in Whistler and Squamish and realize that MTBing is here to stay, is sustainable, and is very, very good for the local economy.

For example, most of the riders are on \$5000 mountain bikes which are purchased locally. We have several high end boutique MTB shops employing locals, and putting taxes right back into the community.

Maintenance on these bikes is performed locally, which can often be a thousand dollars of parts per bike per year.

We have local businesses who "get it" like Denny's, who are sponsoring riders, and can tell you that riders eat like nothing else. I'm sure the Black Bear Pub and Seymour's pub owners would tell you the same thing. Groups of 5 to 10 riders will show up and drop \$35 each just for lunch.

It gets better. Not only do we spend all of our money in your district, we also maintain the trails we ride for free! The trail building skills that have been developed over many years are now being shared among the community, and provide inspiration to other countries and areas that are trying to create sustainable riding cultures.

Little kids from Australia to Germany build "North Shore" stunts in their backyards. This is our equivalent of Hawaii's waves, Whistler's slopes, and Yosemite's cliffs. It's big. Don't let local short-sightedness kill a world renowned area.

If parking is an issue, and it's going to cost \$500,000.00 to make a parking lot on Fromme, ask the riders to make it. We already put thousands of volunteer man-hours into keeping the trails maintained and environmentally sound.

Don't keep pushing riders down Mountain Hwy, or each new batch of homeowners who now have us parking in front of their houses are going to complain like the last batch. Each time the parking regs are changed, you have to pay huge coin for someone to put up new signs, get cops out to issue inflammatory tickets for parking too close to driveways or not turning your wheels in. It doesn't make sense.

If you want to study Alpine Recreation, that's great. Be objective and know that humanity always has a footprint. Squamish MTB'ers are currently trying to stop their classic trails from being logged. Meanwhile we'll keep doing what we've done for the last 20+ years. Ride and maintain the best trails in the world.

Yours Sincerely,

Adrian Bolden, NSMBA Member.

