

**Subject: [Fwd: Proposed Moretorium on Mountain Biking on Fromme]**

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Dear Mrs. Mayor and Council members,

As an avid hiker, mountain biker and North Van home owner, I feel that it would be a great loss to all members of District if the trails on Fromme, or any other area, were to be closed to mountain biking. It is important to encourage people of all ages to participate in outdoor activities in this growing age of obesity and inactive lifestyles.

I understand the issues of environmental impact and disturbance to local neighborhoods and feel that this area, with proper management, could remain open to all outdoor activities with minimal impact. Fromme is the last true cross-country bike riding area on the North Shore that is not affected by "shuttlers" making for a true bike riding experience. I agree that some trails could be closed or re-routed due to poor trail building practices through sensitive areas but generally the erosion prone season is behind us for the upcoming summer months and will not be an issue before the Alpine Area Strategic Recreation Study is completed<?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />.

Local groups and individuals have been making great progress to "renovate" older trails to a much higher standard minimizing the impact to fish bearing streams and general erosion. These many manhours spent have been at no or little cost to the District and will undoubtedly remain that way.

It is unfortunate that some bike riders have made a negative impact on local residents by being disrespectful of others and imagine the only way to rectify this is to provide a parking area nearby. I realize the cost impact of this as I work as an estimator for an engineering company downtown, but would suggest taking advantage of local organizations for fund raising and volunteer labour. This has been done on low income housing projects in the States and imagine that it would be possible in this situation with proper planning.

I hope that all Council members take the potential impact of Councilor Crist's proposal seriously on Monday and trust that an educated decision will be made on behalf of all District residents.

Thank you for your time and patience and I look forward to the next municipal election,

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