

Subject: RE: hi ernie

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Dear Mark:

You are absolutely right. You do NOT know all the intimate details of this ongoing battle. Indeed you do not live here. I on the other hand not only live here but I am still and have been an elected representative of the people of the District (90.000 strong) for 25 years. So please forgive me for having an opinion and for looking after the interests of the locals.

Out of the 140.000 people in North Vancouver City and District there are 500 plus registered stunt (mountain) bikers, the rest are not, so maybe you should do some math. Incidentally I have been biking all my life. I think it is a great sport but biking on hard surfaces even on mountains is one thing, stunt biking on the rain drenched, forested and ecologically sensitive slopes of one little mountain is quite another and that is what this is all about.

Also, so that there is no misunderstanding, I have great respect for Americans especially for 1776 when they had a good bath to use one of General De Gaulle's expressions. We all welcome American tourists to come and enjoy our mountains.

On the other hand, I find it quite presumptuous on your part to tell me how to run our municipality. It is as if I were to go to your state or City telling your elected reps how to run New York. I don't think you would be very impressed - well neither am I and the people I represent.

And please don't worry about my relationship with the other members of my Council. They have their brains and I have mine. I have medals to prove that, in the opinion of some people at least, I have been of some use. And for what it's worth I, in turn, won't worry about the relationships between the elected members of your state or city.

Please come and bike to your heart's content. Just stay clear of stunting on Mount Fromme. It is too wet and too soft.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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

From: Mark Hennebury [mailto:mark_hennebury@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 11:57 AM


To: Ernie Crist

Subject: hi ernie

good day. this is a letter regarding fromme. i do not know all the intimate details of your ongoing battle with cam, however i would like to offer my opinion/suggestion. mount fromme is a majestic forested area which should be shared and used by all types of outdoor enthusiasts. i myself am a "stunt biker" who rides fromme rather frequently and I believe that this type of biking does abousultely no damage to the existing terrian. the majority of the people who are bikers are nature lovers as well. surely we do not want to see the descruction of this beautiful land. i myself will countinue to bike on fromme and i will continue to love the land and nature.

you on the other hand seem to be upset with the enjoyment people are taking from biking on fromme. this is very sad. i realize you are a politiciaian and your first priority is to protect your reputation. which is most likely the reason you have engaged so deeply in this battle. you mentioned in your letter about "stunt bikers" being stuck in the "growing stage", in my humble opinion this is a great place to be. i hope to grow for my entie life, if i ceased to do this my life would be meaningless. you ernie, seem to be past this stage which is most likely the root of your anger. thank you for your time.

mark hennebury

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