

Subject: RE: restricted?

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Hello Alasdair:

We are not talking about Mountain Biking (stunt biking) in designated areas such as Whistler, or Cypress, GVRD, or Provincial Parks which is exactly what I have advocated after we have developed an Alpine Plan. The NSMBA is trying to avoid such a plan much as I am trying to avoid the plague. The NSMBA insists on stunt biking on the wet, forested, steep, and ecologically sensitive slopes of Mount Fromme which is adjacent to residential areas and, among other things, creates endless conflicts with residents. That is what we are talking about.

To suggest that I am against outdoor recreation is like suggesting that the Pope is anti Catholic. It is largely due to my efforts and that of another individual that the North Shore Mountains under the regional plan more than 30 years ago were set aside for regional recreation. Unlike the NSMBA and their vision poor political friends today, even then we were looking beyond the end of our noses.

I do not believe that you know what the situation is. As for Cam's contention that I should take a walk to see the trails for myself. That more than anything shows the absurdity of his argument. That is exactly what I am doing on an ongoing basis and he knows that but he continues to ignore it and spread his red herring propaganda to the contrary.

Not only am I an elected representative for the community in which Mount Fromme is located, I actually live close to Mount Fromme. Recently we even walked the trails with a CBC Television Crew. It has not been shown yet and the reason I believe is because it would confirm that Mountain biking, which is really stunt biking on Mount Fromme, is not a good idea.

So that you are clear about my position, I have and continue to advocate that we produce an Alpine Recreation Plan so we can deal with these issues on a magnitude commensurate with the potential of the whole North Shore rather than piecemeal and ad hoc as advocated by Cam and his misguided friends - unfortunately also with the assistance of run of the mill politicians, who also and nearly always, act first and think later, thus costing the taxpayers countless grief and money. As for my response to you, I am challenging the NSMBA to put his on their web. After all, I am putting everything they have to say on mine.

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From: Phillip Chapple [<mailto:chapples@tesco.net>]
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hi ernie,

just thought you'd like to know that what you are saying is not exactly correct. I live in the UK and mountain biking here is growing at an amazing rate. in the last three months it has been decided that over of four bike parks similar to that of whistler are to built in

our country. considering that the uk is nearly the same size as BC, i think you might see that, far from being restricted, mountain biking is being supported by the government, the forestry comission, the local governments in the area and is being funded by the european union. so why try and restrict a sport that is inevitably going to grow, no matter how much people like you complain.

Alasdair Chapple.

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