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Subject: [Fwd: You seem a bit hypocritical.]

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Dear FONVCA: Here is another letter from another mountain biker with a solution (in **boldprint**) of what I should do with my house and land. I think this fellow should speak with the mountain bikers who live up here in Upper Lynn Valley, also. If they are willing to heed Rob Chisholm's sage advice, I will gladly do so myself. I applaud this person's leaving his car at home, and being a member of environmental organizations, but still question how mountain bikers "help" to preserve the environment? Mr.Chisholm is being pretty "hypocritical" himself from some of the statements he makes.

Mountain biking on natural forestland is not "small footprint" recreation, as the severe modification of trails, etc. can attest to that. Perhaps this fellow should talk to those mountain bikers who insist on driving their huge 4X4 trucks and SUV's up here, carrying their bikes-- first-- before talking to me about "environmentalism and small footprint" thinking. Mountain biking belongs in contained recreational resorts, not large scale DNV municipal forest land. DNV cannot monitor, nor police the Fromme area properly. The municipality simply does not have the funds. Instead, contribute to the real sports people who upkeep the sports fields, raise funds, etc. Mr. Pete Moffat-- NS Sports Council-- deserves more consideration than Sharon Bader--NSMBA-- **by a long shot**. Asking the mountain bikers to "self-police" themselves is like" leaving the mice to guard the cheese". You gotta luv it...Just don't believe it! Take care. --Monica Craver--

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

Subject: You seem a bit hypocritical.

Date: Thu, 26 May 2005 11:16:24 +1000

From: Rob Chisholm <rawb@optusnet.com.au>

To: mecraver@shaw.ca

Ms. Craver,

I'm very curious about your stand on defending and protecting the environment. You talk about how humans are encroaching on the natural forests and wildlife, and how being in close proximity to bears is causing them to become less afraid of humans. Yet if I understand correctly, you own a large house and property right on the edge of the forest.

Why don't you live deep within an area of urban development where you're far away from the forest? It would seem you are just as much a part of the problem as the outdoor enthusiasts?

Also, do hikers (who are often accompanied by their dogs) cause these same problems with bears and the frogs?

I think you should lead the cause to encourage as many residents on the edge of Fromme Mt. to donate their property back to nature, tear down the houses, remove the street, and replant the trees and foliage that were mowed down so you have your residence where the bears should rightly be.

Out of curiosity, do you regularly use motor vehicles? What kind do you own?

My wife and I own a car, but we commute everywhere by bicycle (21km each way through the city each day) and use the car only when we have to move things we can't carry on our backs, or other extenuating circumstances where it's impractical to use our bicycles. How much do

you commute by sustainable transport? We live in deep in the urban sprawl, and do what we can to protect what's left of our natural resources. This includes the continuing development of more housing in forested areas, like your house is a particular example of.

We currently give to 4 charities, automatically debited from our accounts each month... Amnesty International, The Wilderness Society, Greenpeace, and the WSPCA. You'll note that three of them are based on preservation animals and forests. We care about the environment and the wildlife dearly.

We also enjoy the forests and natural environment on our mountain bikes. We also do regular trail maintenance to prevent erosion and to minimize impact on the environment.

I think our overall "footprint" on the environment is very minimal. Possibly less than yours. Please examine what you yourself can do to leave the environment be, before attacking others. Your big house high on the hill seems to be an even bigger problem than the trails threading through the woods. Not to mention, telling mountain bikers to go elsewhere seems like a NIMBY attitude as well, and more to benefit you, than the environment. Please to the right thing and give back your property to the mountain.

Rob Chisholm