

Subject: [Fwd: 2008 - Year of the Frog (Leap Frog into the New "Leap" Year)]
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Dear Mayor and Council:

It has recently come into my attention that the Fromme Alpine Trails Plan/Concept will be coming to Council to vote in January 2008. I once again ask that Mayor and Council to please consider proper protection of Mountain View Park and area within the Upper Lynn Valley neighbourhood catchment over the holidays.

As you know, Mountain View Park and environs have been designated as a high biodiverse area. Until recently, there was never a proper environmental assessment done of the Park and wetland area. Mountain biking activities inside the park, upland and wetland area four seasons a year, rain or shine, day and night are compromising the ecological integrity of this high biodiverse area. We need to conserve the area for future generations, not bring in more added pressures from wheeled recreational use. Passive, on foot, recreational use will ensure the future ecological integrity of the park and wetland area and ensure the survival of the species at risk, Red-Legged Frog, and other species.

I encourage Mayor and Council to designate this area as a "Limited Mountain Recreation Zone", with passive, on foot use only, and dogs on leash, on trail, acknowledging and protecting the area's high ecological biodiversity for future generations to enjoy.

There are plenty of other "less" biodiverse places for mountain bikers to ride, thus no need to further compromise this (Mtn View) rich biodiverse area -- known habitat to a species at risk -- also visited by other known species at risk birds and mammals, ie. Great Blue Heron, Purple Martin, etc.

If Mayor and Council vote on supporting Staff recommendations they will be voting for a concept where more trails will be built inside Mountain View Park environs, fragmenting the fragile habitat further, with no real assurance that any bike trails will be decommissioned -- compromising the survival of this species at risk. Frogs and other amphibians create high biodiverse areas. Their loss means the loss of this rich biodiversity. **2008 is the Year of the Frog, and a leap year!**

Please view the following videos to understand the urgency that has brought about the International Year of the Frog at: http://www.amphibianark.org/frog_gallery.html

Also, those who have young children and grandkids, here is something for them to do on New Year's Eve to welcome the Year of the Frog. The world will be leapfrogging into the New Year: See the Jeff Corwin's (Animal Planet) video "**Jeff Corwin wants you to "leap frog" to ring in the Year of the Frog**". (It is included in the video link, above)

<http://www.amphibianark.org/Global%20InfoPack%20CD%20Aark/AArkmask2.pdf> (Amphibian Ark Mask)

Habitat loss and degradation is one of the main reasons for the loss of many of the world's amphibians. Red-legged Frogs area especially vulnerable to disturbance/degradation of their

habitat by humans. Our Northern Red-Legged Frog's cousin, the California Red-Legged Frog is already Red-listed, with urgent ex-situ conservation efforts in place to try to restore it. Please support the international conservation of our fragile amphibians around the world by best helping first to conserve the Red-Legged Frog in it's natural habitat, inside DNV's own backyard. Soon, there will be an international petition for polticians and parliaments around the world to sign, who support the conservation of the amphibians.

Thank you.

--Monica Craver--

~Monitoring **Mountain View Park** for the **North Shore Wetland Partners**~

Have a Hoppy & Safe Christmas Season



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(better we conserve their existing habitat than try to restore that which is lost)

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