## Biking: lawsuit waiting to happen - Penticton Herald

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I have to commend the current administration at Penticton City Hall at excelling in one area - being able to find new ways of exposing the citizens of Penticton to potential costly lawsuits. The minute jurisdiction and authority of a defacto recreation area such as Campbell Mountain is signed over to a special interest group by city council you have put the people of Penticton at the top of the legal food chain.

All it would take is one person to crack their melon while taking a jump on their mountain bike and some crafty lawyer will link the City to being responsible. Leaving it as mitigates liability since there would no real authority administering the area and the mantra "use at your risk" would more than likely prevail.

Think I am joking? Google: "mountain bike lawsuits". It makes for fascinating reading. I invite the mayor and anyone on council to contact me. I would be more than glad to take anyone on an ATV tour to witness first hand the potentially deadly structures that have been constructed on the Three Blind Mice Trail system in order to entertain thrill seeking mountain bikers.

I don't have a problem with mountain bikers but don't start attempting to throttle what I find to be entertaining and relaxing. That being a respectful motorsport enthusiast.

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