

**Subject: Response to letter from the president of the "Save Our Parkland Association" re Mountain Biking.**

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Dear Ms Pinkert:

Thank you for your letter re Mountain Biking dated July 4,2004 addressed to the Mayor and Council of the District of North Vancouver.

I wholeheartedly agree with your conclusions and must tell you that, for my courage to state that which is self evident, I have been abused in a way that can only be described as shameful. However, I have always stated that Mountain Biking, although a popular sport, is a specialized sport and like any other specialized sport requires not only a special environment but also special environmental protection.

To allow Mountain Biking in regular parks and adjacent to residential areas is in my opinion not a very good solution.

I have submitted to District Council a motion pointing to a long term solution. One that would not only have advantages for the residents who are adversely affected by Mountain Biking in their respective neighborhoods but also for the Bikers themselves. My motion called for the creation of an outdoor recreation Park in Electoral Area A presently administered by the GVRD and which extends all the way from Deep Cove nearly to Whistler. I will enclose a copy of my motion for your benefit. My motion did not carry.

However, I do not believe that the District Strategic Plan to accommodate Mountain Biking will address the problem of Mountain Biking. However, I will refrain from making any comments until it is actually presented to Council in full which should be this Fall.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist, Councillor

District of North Vancouver

