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**Subject: Reply to letter dated July 23rd**

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Dear Mr. Ridge:

With regards to Mountain View Park, I have seen the numbers from the Mountain View Park Workshop, July 2003. From the numbers, it was clear that over 80% of the people were for conservation of the park and over 60% were for some defined trails. I had only seen that having a multi-use mountain bike trail had accounted for less than 12% of the people's interest ( a Freudian? slip accounted for "multi-purpose trail" being counted twice at 7% and then at 11%. This is very telling. What percentage is the "right" one to have encouraged the building of the mountain bike trail?) Thus, the "multi-use trail" was not "up there in the numbers", as numbers seem to be where it is at. Instead the October 2003 Open House for Mountain View Park showed great interest in keeping the park open to mountain bike access. There were no options for conservation with a defined hiking trail, only. I have the documents to prove this.

Also, the early 1990's Griffen project where mountain bikers had to look after the trails and look after the park, failed miserably, yet DNV staff members called it a "success". I can only assume that this Mountain View Park "experiment" with mountain bikes, after one year, will also be deemed a "success" and continued. I do not know how DNV measures successes and failures, but feel it has more to do with which group can rally the most people to Council meetings for their cause. Because "numbers"(remember the Council meeting, March 1, 2004? -- 300 bikers vs. one resident?) count more than scientific reports, species at risk, and just plain common sense, I fear Mountain View Park is a lost cause in the long run. The mountain bikers go down the gravel road too fast, and I have been told to "move it", and have been nicked hard enough with an errant handlebar to cause bruising. Due to Mountain View Park's location, it is still the wrong place for mountain biking. There have been enough close calls between bikers and cars and buses at the entrance/egress to Mtn. View. Dogs have been hit -- do we have to see a mountain biker get hit before we see common-sense kick in? You name the NSMBA as great volunteers. Yes, while they built the "Griffen" trail recently, joining onto the "multi-use" trail in Mountain View Park, please remember the damage done by their kids and dogs to the pond and area (as mentioned my the last letter).

Meanwhile, this Upper Lynn neighbourhood, adjacent to the park should not have to fight, again, to keep the "temporary" Residential Only Parking Zone in their area as long as mountain biking is allowed in Mountain View Park. This is plain common-sense. It is the only thing that is keeping our neighbourhood somewhat livable, although the bikers still ride 3 to 12 abreast on our street, allow their off-leash dogs in tow to run all over the street and residential lawns. There are a few mountain bikers who still ride on residential lawns and sidewalks at high speeds, also. There are young children playing in front of their homes on our street also. There is an "accident" waiting to happen. I have done all I can in the past year, and suffered enough "abuse" by the mountain bike folk, namely certain NSMBA executive, and on the [NSMB.com](#). The many derogatory statements pertaining to me and my family, trying to intimidate us, as we singlehandedly tried to protect the park and neighbourhood, shows that DNV condones such behaviour towards Councillors and it's private citizens, alike, by rewarding the perpetrators' bad behaviour. Other neighbours feared retaliation, whether real or perceived. I, myself have wondered if I have wasted my time, as the writing seems to be one the wall. The ball is in DNV's court. Please keep our neighbourhood livable and safe!

Meanwhile, the neighbourhoods on and below Coleman are affected by the same type of behaviour as we were subjected to. Bikes are on the road blocking Mountain Hwy safe access at times. We can only hope that DNV will continue to keep the RPO active in this Upper Lynn neighbourhood as long as mountain biking is allowed in Mountain View Park, and ensure that it is enforced consistently. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Monica Craver  
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PS. Do let me know at your earliest convenience that our RPO Zone is safe, as it is being challenged by mountain biking folk. Also, is

there a real solution available to the mountain bike parking problems in Upper Lynn? Thank you.

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