

Subject: RE: bike riding in North Vancouver

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Dear Mr. Priddle;

Mr. Jarvis is a member of the BC Legislature not a member of District Council. Also, I am not against Mountain Biking on the North Shore Mountains and neither have I ever said so. You may wish to check the facts before making any further comments.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist.

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

From: Colin Priddle [<mailto:cpriddle@my.bcit.ca>]

Sent: March 11, 2004 12:05 PM

To: daniel.jarvis.mla@leg.bc.ca

Cc: Ernie Crist; Mayor Bell

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Hi Mr. Daniel Jarvis,

I'm writing to you as an MP who should be concerned with what is going on in your riding.

Councillor Crist is trying to get mountain bikers banned from riding bikes in the North Shore mountains. He writes, "The nature of mountain biking is such that those fundamental contradictions cannot be resolved under any circumstances."

Mr. Jarvis those are harsh words. And I'm sure that you would want to have a look at what is going on in your areas.

Here are a few things that I think you should consider.

1. I spend money in your area ? every time I come over to North Vancouver (weekly) I create business. I buy gas, I go to the bike shops and I eat out.
2. I have met people from all over the world riding Fromme (Swiss, Americans, Canadians, British). By discouraging riding you are losing so much in tourist revenue. People don't travel to North Vancouver as a hiking destination. But, they certainly do for biking. I'm sure you don't want to be portrayed in Mountain bike magazines around the world as uninviting.
3. Mountain bikers build trails that are environmentally sensitive. There are so many bikers that spend their free time building and maintaining trails. They do this so bikers and hikers can use the trail.
4. You are promoting healthy living by encouraging bike riding. As we all know the health system is in crisis. But, exercise prevents illness.
5. The Olympics are coming to town. I think the last thing you want is to be seen as unfriendly to sport.
6. Employment ? there are many people who live on the North Shore who are directly employed by the mountain bike industry. Bikes shops like: Cove Cycle and John Henry. And there bike companies that are based in the lower mainland that prosper and hire local people because of those who buy bikes. For example: Rocky Mountain bikes, Cove Bikes, Brodie bikes, Banshee bikes, Kona Bikes and DeKerf bikes. These are all local business that depend on local riders. If we don't buy their products the effects on the economy are dramatic.

7. Becos, you want to promote equal access to the trails.

Thanks for reviewing my comments. Any thing you can do to help out biking in the North Shore mountains would be appreciated.

Thanks.

Colin Priddle

c.c. Mayor Bell and Councillor Crist

