

Subject: RE: See you Monday night

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Dear Mrs. Craver;

Much as I sympathize with you, there is only one factor and one factor alone which will determine the eventual outcome of this issue and that is "who can mobilize more battalions" to quote N. B. By that I mean you have to convince Council that there are more people in the District who are opposed to the destruction of District parks, and more people who are opposed to being abused by Mountain Bikers albeit they may constitute only 5% of the biking population and more people who are opposed to putting up with parking problems in front of their door than there are people who could not care less and who, in most cases, are not from the District.

As the Council charges ahead with this no win situation, more and more residents will become adversely affected. Not the visitors from South Africa, Scotland or Germany but people living in the District who will vote. The dialectics of the situation will eventually be the deciding factor in this game. This means that by the time the next election comes around enough, local residents will have had their fill of this nonsense. Remind them at that time including the environmentalists so called, as to who supported the destruction of the environment and who did not.

It is interesting that of all the emails I have received only 24% are actually from the District, all the others are from St. Elsewhere. I have said it before and I say it again, Mountain Biking may be a great sport but within or adjacent to municipal boundaries it is a no winner and will lead to grief. In the meantime I suggest you mobilize the people who are adversely impacted by this "in the wrong place" sport and don't worry if your numbers are small at the beginning - they will certainly grow - just be patient.

Also I suggest that you send your emails to Council directly. They don't listen to me (yet) anyway.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist

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

From: M E Craver [<mailto:mecraver@shaw.ca>]

Sent: March 13, 2004 9:46 AM

To: Ernie Crist

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Dear Councillor Crist:

Sometimes I wonder if the Mayor and the rest of Council read these e-mails? I believe if Council approves this Mountain View Park plan they should also open up Hogan's Pools Park and Maplewood Flats. At least Maplewood Flats Conservation Area has parking. It has boardwalks. It should be multi-purpose including mountain bikes, as they and their dogs can be counted on to stay on the boardwalk (while off-leash too). People will be safe on this boardwalk that they share with mountain bikes and their off-leash dogs. We need not worry about the flora and fauna in the park, as everyone has to be accommodated (wherever they wish to ride), otherwise people will be harrassed, or worse, because mountain bikers do not like to take NO as an answer. Is there a problem with this?? This plan makes as much sense as the proposed plan for Mountain View Park. Oh, by the way, Mountain View Park is only a second or third growth forest area, and that makes it less important? Maplewood Flats is just a salvaged piece of industrial area land that has been restored. It isn't original or pristine either. Hogans Pool is an artificial pond "restored" in a wetland park, also. Why is there so much protection in these parks? Please do the right thing for our park and neighbourhood.

If Council can come up with a very good answer as to how Mountain View Park plans will be beneficial to the quality of life in our neighbourhood including what permanent parking solutions and traffic solutions have been solved by this plan, I will back down. The Park plan is a long-term and permanent one, so I assume that the parking problem and traffic problem has been solved already. I assume that a permanent parking and amenities solution have been given to Council, (that I have yet to hear of). So which neighbour is donating their front lawn, and use of home (amenities) to these mountain bikers? Please take the wellbeing of a neighbourhood into consideration first, and find another place for these extreme mountain bike folk to ride and park, etc. Mountain View Park is the wrong place for mountain bikes. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Monica Craver
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Please pass this on to the other Councillors, Mr. Crist, and/or discuss this with them. We cannot bring the numbers of people out that the mountain bikers can, but we hope commonsense will prevail over might. That is all we can do.

