

Subject: RE: FW: Mountain View Park and Access to Fromme

Date: Sat, 28 Feb 2004 14:53:30 -0800

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CC: "Mayor and Council - DNV" <Council@dnv.org>, "Senior Management Committee" <managecomm@dnv.org>, "James Ridge" <James_Ridge@dnv.org>, "FONVCA (E-mail)" <fonvca@fonvca.org>, <cagebc@yahoo.com>

Dear Mr. Willett:

There are large areas adjacent to existing residential areas which are administered by the GVRD including electoral area A and the provincial Government. My personal view is that we should look at creating a large outdoor (international) recreational playground as could possibly be done with electoral Area A which the GVRD offered to the District free of charge but which the District turned down years ago.

This was done because politicians as a rule cannot see beyond the end of their noses. They simply do not have any vision and as a result they not only get themselves into trouble all the time but everybody else as well. It was agreed by District Council two years ago that all options would be explored and a strategic plan readied for Council's consideration. This has not been done. Indeed I doubt very much whether even a serious start has been made. The point is that we need a long term solution for the simple reason that this sport will continue to grow dramatically.

Once again as a result of poor leadership this has not happened and the whole issue is in limbo. This is neither fair to the residents neither is it fair to the Mountain Bikers. If you ask a question on the status you get either bafflegab or lies or silence or the proverbial runaround. But if you call anybody on it you will be in violation of the harmonious workplace policy.

The main thrust of my motion is to force the hand of Council and come to grips with this issue instead of letting it slide to the point where we are going to have a major backlash. If I would not care as you claim I would not bother with any of this. I don't need the aggravation. I would just let it go and ignore people complaining about as yet another example of the stupidity of governments. There is no substitute for leadership. Bureaucratic bafflegab and political ad hoc solutions are not solutions, they merely add to the problem later on.

As for the growth of this sport, I am only quoting people who claim to be experts from both sides of the issue including the Mountain Bikers themselves albeit in a different context.

Ernie Crist

Mr.Crist

last night while typing you the e-mail that you have most likely deleted by now i was hoping for a response, and not a copied, and pasted letter that shows that you dont much care about the situation. What areas do you propose could be changed into a "mountain biking paradise", and how do you expect these to be built, a good trail takes years to build. Also, where did you find information talking about the sport of mountain biking doubling in the next few years? Many fellow riders and some counsellors alike feel that an agreement can be reached between the people who use these trails, and the District of North Vancouver. We all must also remember that the trails on Mount Fromme are not only used by Mountain Bikers, but also photographers, Hikers, and Dog Walkers.

Thank you for your time
respectfully,

Spencer Willett

>From: "Ernie Crist" >To: , , , >Subject: FW: Mountain View Park and Access to Fromme
>Date: Fri, 27 Feb 2004 22:00:12 -0800 > >Hello all. > >Some of you may have received my
email (below) to dangerous Dan before. Please consider my proposal carefully and also
keep in mind that this sport will virtually double every two years. This is a sport
drawing on an international clientele. > >Ernie Crist > > >[Ernie Crist] Subject: RE:
Mountain View Park and Access to Fromme > > >Dear dangerous Dan: > >I have the exact
ticket for you. I have proposed that we all work together and find a suitable place to
accommodate the Mountain Bikers in the North Vancouver hinterland where bikers activities
will not interfere with other interests and where they can do their thing without being
harassed by anyone and in an area not only big enough but also unique and safe. > >I have
made a motion to that effect and if you support it we can all kick in and solve the
problem. The problem is that Mountain Biking is a specialized sport and at present
interferes with local residents. It is the right sport at the wrong place if you get my
meaning. It is not suitable for this area and creates endless conflicts. This is
especially so in light of the rapid growth of this sport which needs a lot of elbow room.
> >But if you and your friends are willing to come on board we can create a Mountain
Bikers paradise right in our own backyard one we can all be proud of without upsetting
the natives in a manner of speaking. > >If you are willing to do this then please tell
the Mayor and Council so. The motion will come before Council this coming Monday and all
your colleagues know already. However, it is important that they come before Council with
a constructive attitude rather than let's kill Councillor Crist's proposal. > >I am
looking forward to your response . > >The best of luck. We all want to help and create a
permanent solution. > >Yours truly, > >Ernie Crist, Councillor, > >District of North
Vancouver, > >-----Original Message----- >From: Dangerous Dan [
<mailto:danger@flowriders.com>] >Sent: February 26, 2004 4:37 PM >To: Ernie Crist; Richard
Walton; Alan Nixon; Lisa Muri; Maureen McKeon Holmes; Janice Harris; Mayor Bell >Cc:
Sharon Bader >Subject: re: Mountain View Park and Access to Fromme > > >Dear Mayor and
Council of North Vancouver District, > >I have written this letter in regards to the
issue(s) of Mountain View Park, access to Mt. Fromme, and Mountain Biking in general.
Thank you very much for taking the time to read and consider my point(s) of view. >
>----- >Dangerous Dan Cowan >President, Flowriders Productions Inc.
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