

Subject: RE: fromme proposal

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Dear Cam Paul:

It is clear from your e-mail that people have been somewhat less than honest with you when they told you that I want to abolish Mountain Biking. Not so - what I have suggested is that the District keep it's promise and produce a strategic long term policy keeping in mind that this is an international sport that will grow each and every year and will subsequently have an enormous impact on the District and its residents. However, not only has this strategic report not materialized so far but it is nowhere in sight. In the meantime we are proceeding with what I call ad hoc solutions.

However, as we all know ad hoc solutions very seldom produce worthwhile results for anybody. Not to speak that they lead to unnecessary confrontations and are costly. We are talking about a big issue here and we need to think carefully before we make any major commitment. As it is whenever I raise the subject of this strategic report I get the proverbial runaround and as an elected official responsible to the people in this community this is not good enough.

We are all entitled to know what the real and long term intentions of the District are, not just for the benefit of the bikers but also for the benefit of the residents who live here. As it is, I have made a number of serious proposals as to how this matter could be resolved so that everybody would win. This is not an issue to be trifled with by run of the mill political opportunism. To provide clarity is my purpose and all other points to the contrary are lies more or less. I trust that this will answer your question.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist.

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

From: Cam P. [<mailto:misfit420@hotmail.com>]

Sent: February 29, 2004 12:02 AM

To: Ernie Crist

Subject: fromme proposal

Counsellor Crist,

As a frequent user of the Fromme mountain bike network I feel obliged to email you in regards to your Fromme proposal of making it hiking only. I am an 18 year old resident of South Delta who makes a commute to North Vancouver anywhere from 1-4 times a week. This not only includes biking but also spending my money in the local stores which supports the community you are trying so hard to keep in mind.

A few things I'd like to ask....

1) With a reduction of users do you realize that the ammount of money coming in from people going there to bike will come as a decrease in sales at local stores. Are you willing to sacrifice a portion of local business profits and comfort of life to save a few vocal residents from the "dangers" of biking?

2) Do you recognize the costs involved with dismantling and removing all existing structures and returning the trails to what is seen as an appropriate ecological standard? Could these funds not be directed towards a solution that works for ALL users of the Fromme area, including bikers?

3) Do you view bikers and hikers as equal users of the mountain? If so why can a plan involving both not be worked towards?

4) Do you realize the majority of trails on Fromme are quite a distance west from the McNair area and Mountainview Park. Do you recognize this area is and has for some time also abused by hikers and local residents?

5) Why can established parking lots at Dempsey and Braemer as well as along Dempsey not be a number one priority? Eliminating the tension between local residents and the numerous cars parked on residential roads.

6) Why do you not consider trail builders applying for a permit before building? Permit requirements being to go to a lesson on forest ecology, proper drainage, and building techniques. This would provide a foundation of knowledge for builders to work with.

I'd appreciate your thoughts on these issues as I am dissapointed to see this happening on account of the prolonged process of finding a way biking and hiking can co-exist ecologically. Whatever happens, please consider the thousands of hours of volunteer work that went in to the labour of love that is the Fromme trail system.

Sincerely,
Cam Paul

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