

Subject: GVRD electoral area A and Mountain Biking;

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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST;

At today's, Mar. 6, 2004, GVRD Council of Councils meeting held in Richmond, I had an opportunity to speak privately to both Marvin Hunt, GVRD Chair and Mr. Carlisle, GVRD Chief Administration Officer regarding the possible development and use of GVRD owned electoral area "A" as a regional and/or international outdoor recreation area including Mountain Biking.

Mr. Carlisle agreed that....

a) Mountain Biking is an extremely fast growing international sport


b) that it could overwhelm individual municipal resources and subsequently bring into question the willingness of the affected cities and municipalities to accept the environmental and social impact of accommodating this sport on a long term basis which is the reason why some municipalities have banned Mountain Biking both in the Lower Mainland and other parts of the Province,

c) that Mountain Biking may be a regional issue requiring a regional solution and that

d) the GVRD owns a large tract of land which might be suitable to accommodate Mountain Biking and other outdoor activities in an area called electoral area "A", adjacent to the northern boundaries of the Districts of North and West Vancouver.

Mr Carlisle agreed to investigate this matter further and cooperate with the District of North Vancouver re this issue.

Ernie Crist

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