

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Waterfront issue & Mountain Biking]

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Subject: Re: Waterfront issue & Mountain Biking

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Dear Maureen,

I sort have suspected that there has been rebellion with the water front issue. If private landowners do not wish to cooperate we may have to close the chapter on this. The only other action would be expropriation of land on the waterfront, but I do not see this happening. I do not know what I would do if I were a waterfront owner, but fear my actions would probably be in line with what you are encountering now. It is a fact of life where people want their privacy. The only other action would be not to build anymore waterfront housing.

On the other issue of mountain bikes and mountain biking, Councillor Ernie Crist will be hoping to put in a motion regarding what is happening with solutions to the problems with mountain biking, parking and neighbourhoods, esp. here in Upper Lynn. We need a delegation to support his motion, so it doesn't die on the table. I wish delegations from all the Community Associations affected by mountain biking issues, etc can come out to support Ernie with his motion to find out what is happening to real solutions for taking this sport away from neighbourhoods and permanent parking solutions. Can I count on LVCA?--this motion may come out in the next couple Mondays. I have been pushing for Parks and Council to seriously look at a road with a parking lot, etc. at Princess and Braemar, or Dempsey and Braemar. There are two "roads" to no where that have been undeveloped and blocked with boulders and parking curbs for several years. The fact that there is plans to officially open up a sensitive wetland park, such as Mountain View Park to mountain biking in any form, does not solve any problems, but brings us back to square one. The parking problems will intensify greatly once the RPO is removed. The school yard and McNair Park will be shortcuts for these bikers, and the cul-de-sac will be unsafe for young children who play there. The small kiddie playground in McNair will be a dangerous place due to these bikers who refuse to dismount for anything. The whole scenario for Mountain View Park reeks with the lack of common sense, and we have to stop this white elephant of an idea in its tracks before it is too late. Only numbers will count, and both Ernie and I need your support and possibly the support of other community associations to hold parks, planning and Council accountable for a real solution to be found, not band-aid solutions. The fact we are faced with poor judgement with the okaying of the 1st North Shore Mountain Bike Festival and Conference for August 2004, pushes the envelope to find a permanent sensible solution as soon as possible. Our parks and neighbourhood is at stake if this Master Plan for Mountain View Park goes ahead. I will try to rouse the neighbours again, who feel it is a lost cause already---apathy is beginning to set in. Thanks for your cooperation with this matter. It is a HOT issue right now, and not being taken seriously by a lot of people. We can't let this one bite us in the rear before we start fighting back. Take care.

Monica

Maureen Bragg wrote:

Monica the trend now is to build huge concrete docks across the beach at every lot. They build monuments of concrete so that they will last hundreds of years. With one on every lot just imagine how much beach will be left for future generations. The Waterfront Plan recommends communal boat docks, so that there is open beach left. It is an uphill battle because each Waterfront Home owner wants a dock as a status symbol. One on each end of every block would be ample. Plus many waterfront home owners have taken over the public access by building walls etc across to keep the public out. We want all public access points opened up to the beach. It is political, these people have lots of money and no intention of letting the public use these access points if they can help it. regards Maureen

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

From: "M E Craver" <mecraver@shaw.ca>

To: "Maureen Bragg" <m.bragg@shaw.ca>

Sent: Friday, February 13, 2004 2:24 PM

Subject: Waterfront issue

Dear Maureen,

Welcome back. I just wanted you to know that I am on the Parks and Natural Environment Advisory Committee for the next two years and recieved your correspondence about the waterfront issue(s). I am sorry, due to so much time taken up by the Water Filtration and Tunnel Project issue, we were unable to discuss it last month. Please make sure that it is on the agenda for February 25, and I'll see if we can get to it. If the Tunnel people come again, I'll make sure there is a limit to their talks in order to get on with other important issues. Frankly, I've attended a few of these meetings as an observer, and feel this Tunnel issue has been overextended. I know it is important, but other things are too. Take care, and keep in touch.

Monica Craver