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Dear Mayor and Councilors;

I am a long time North Vancouver resident. My family and I are fortunate to be able to call the Upper Lynn Valley area home. My kids have all gone through Upper Lynn Elementary, on to Argyle and the eldest is now at Cap College. We, as a family have hiked and biked every single trail on the North Shore in this time. I spend at least 10 hours per week in the woods, if not riding or hiking, then doing trail maintenance work. There are thousands of families just like us in North Van. This is not relevant in itself, however what is relevant is that I am cognizant of what is going on in my neighborhood.

With respect to Mountain View Park, I respectfully request that you stop pussy footing around this issue.

What we have is a certain resident and her family who live across the road from this particular park who like to think of it as their back yard. They wish to see as few people as possible enjoy the Park. Her primary target are mountain bikers, since mountain bikers are the biggest user group. She wants mountain bikers out of Mountain View Park, and she is hell bent to the point of being monomaniacal about getting what she wants.

She uses 2 very tried and true techniques for getting what she wants - a) the squeaky wheel technique, and b) the snow owl technique. Let me address each of these:

* The squeaky wheel technique. Your staff spent an enormous amount of time and energy in holding public meetings and forums into the MVP issue. The meetings were attended by hundreds of residents and interested parties. Your staffs final proposal was well thought out and based on popular opinion, by a large count, of sane minded, rational, considerate people. The particular resident, not happy with the democratic process, continues to try to gather anyone she can to derail the plan. Don't be hoodwinked. Just because 99.99% of interested parties aren't in your face every day, does not mean we are not as passionate about MVP as she is. The mountain bike community has even offered our services to go in there and do the work to implement staff's plan. Please, just get it done.

* The Snow Owl technique. The particular resident's original plan to 'save' MVP from the marauding hordes of mountain bikers is most comical. According to her, mountain bikers were causing the extinction of frogs in the pond/swamp area of MVP. Her son, whom by his own admission to me, in her presence, collects tadpoles out of this area, is personally responsible for the death of more frogs than all the mountain bikers combined in the past 10 years. I have seen countless dog walkers throw sticks into the pond for their dogs to bound in and retrieve. I have seen same dogs poop on the edge of the pond. Thousands of trucks using the access road to Grouse Mountain

over the years kick up monumental amounts of dust that end up as silt in the area. Buses and cars roar by all day spewing pollutants into the pond. Residents using toxic pesticides, herbicides and fungicides have their poisons leach into the pond.

In all my years of using MVP, I have only ever seen mountain bikers ride harmlessly by the pond, not causing the death of a single frog. The concept that mountain bikers are to blame is just too funny.

So please see reason. What you have is one resident who wants MVP as her own little piece of turf across the road. She harbors an intense dislike for mountain bikers. She must be driving you and your staff nuts with her demands.

Staffs plan is good. It is what the overwhelming majority of people want. Please just get it done, and MVP will be a better place for all.

Sincerely

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