

Subject: Fwd: RE: Mountain-bike sports: A request to all Lower Mainland Municipal Councils

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From: "Redpath, Mike"

CC: "Caravan, Joan" , "Carlile, Cathryn"

Elizabeth,

In response to your questions:

Is mountain-biking allowed in your municipality?

Yes. There are no restrictions on Mountain biking in our community. There are no mountains however, we have a VERY flat terrain. We have a perimeter trail system on our dyke trail around the island.

We have a small 1 acre bike terrain park built in partnership with a community association (Steveston), local youth and corporate sponsors. The site has earth landforms (since we lack natural ones) and a small obstacle circuit with logs. There is a small parking lot and signage at the site. The site is programmed once or twice a year for youth events for bmx and mountain bike skills competitions.

If the answer to the first question is "Yes" what bylaws and/or regulations have you enacted to control how the sport is engaged in?

There are no specific bylaws regulating mountain biking. We do, however, have the Public Park and School Ground Bylaw that regulates activities which are permitted in Public Parks, Trails and school grounds. The only restriction that may be of interest to you is that modifications, installations or changes to the landscape are prohibited unless permission is first obtained.

Our trails system is self-policing. We have posted on our major trails a code of conduct for shared use which is detailed below:

Discover Richmond Trails
Rules & Etiquette

To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all users, please observe the following courtesy code:

On Shared Pathways

- Ride, walk or jog in a predictable manner.
- Keep to the right of the path.
- Cyclists slow down when approaching pedestrians.
- Cyclists use bell or voice to warn others when passing.
- Form a single line when meeting others in a congested area.
- Leash and pick up after dogs. Animal By-law.
- Respect the environment and adjacent properties.

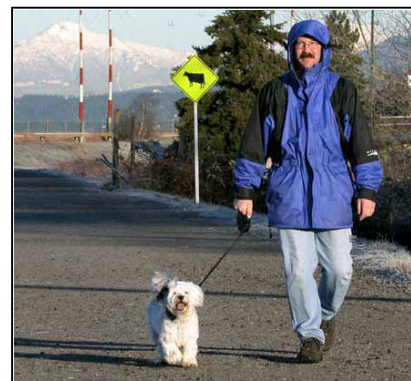


On Scenic or Connector Routes

- Cyclists ride with the direction of traffic, and obey all the rules of the road.
- Cyclists are subject to the Motor Vehicle Act.
- Motorists and cyclists exercise caution when passing equestrians. Give horses a wide berth.
- Horseback riders should ride single file when cars are approaching.
- Many of the roads are through working agricultural or industrial areas. Be aware that large farming equipment or trucks may be encountered on these roads.

Dogs on the Trail System

- Dogs must be on leash at all times on trails and in parks unless otherwise specified.
- Owners must clean up after their dog(s) at all times. Please remember to "stoop and scoop".
- Dogs are NOT allowed off-leash on the trail system unless on a designated Off-Leash Trail
- For information about Dogs Off-Leash Areas, please pick up a brochure at your local community centre, or see [Dogs Off-Leash](#).



If the answer is "No" what bylaws have you been able to draft and put in place, to prohibit the sport?

Not applicable in Richmond.

In any event, do you have any documented rationale for your decisions that could be useful to the District of North Vancouver? Would your municipality be willing to make copies of the appropriate regulations available upon request?

Not applicable.

Would your municipality be willing to support the District of North Vancouver in its request that the GVRD Board conduct an immediate study of what areas of the Lower Mainland are most suited to the sport?

The study would be interesting. Our City has a cycling advisory committee and our staff contact is Joan Caravan in the transportation department, this group focuses on many issues regarding cycling in our community. Richmond residents would benefit from knowing where to go to participate in the activity. I would suggest that Joan be made aware of any initiative.

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