

**Subject: FW: Response to letter from Mrs Short re Mountain Biking and not wanting Ernie "Christ" being the boss of us anymore.**

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> From: Ernie Crist  
> Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2005 9:57 AM  
> To: Nathalie Valdes  
> Subject: Response to letter from Mrs Short re Mountain Biking and  
> not wanting Ernie "Christ" being the boss of us anymore.

> Dear Mrs Short:

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> You may be mistaken on the Mountain Biking issue - I think somebody  
> has pulled the wool over your eyes. Nobody is opposed to Bikers  
> biking on hard surfaced roads anywhere in the District including in  
> mountainous areas. They are welcome to do that. Indeed I am a great  
> supporter of biking and have biked all my life. I think it is a good  
> and healthy sport. But this is not what the extreme bikers want -  
> they want to bike on the steep, forested and rain drenched slopes of  
> Mount Fromme even though it is creating havoc with the environment.  
> These extreme Mountain Bikers, have cut down many trees illegally,  
> they have built bike jumping facilities illegally and they have ruined  
> hiking trails. It has cost us a great deal of money to remove those  
> illegal structures.

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> They are not allowed to do this anywhere else. In the countries where  
> they come from, this kind of activity has been banned. This is the  
> reason why they are all coming here, at your expense. In some  
> countries they allow mountain bikers in specified, dedicated and  
> environmentally non sensitive areas and this is what I have proposed  
> also. I suggested that with the assistance of the Province and the  
> GVRD such a park be established for Mountain Bikers in adjoining GVRD  
> and Provincial government lands, but the Bikers don't want this, they  
> are determined to do their ruinous thing on Mount Fromme.

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> The people living in the adjacent residential neighbourhood of Mount  
> Fromme have complained about some of the Bikers being rude, undressing  
> and urinating in people's back yards and in front of children and  
> parking in front of people's homes. The extreme Bikers and their  
> organisation have requested that we build a parking lot in the forest  
> at a time when we don't have enough money to keep our streets litter  
> free and build sidewalks so our people can walk safely on the streets.  
> Building a parking lot in the forest, which is what they want, would  
> also mean removing many trees on the mountain at a cost of a million  
> dollars just for starters.

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> It would mean your taxes would go up even more than they are already.  
> Is that what you want? Did you notice the litter in our streets is  
> getting worse? Why?.....not enough money. This is one reason . The  
> other reason is that it apparently does not bother our civic leaders.  
> Have they been culturally deprived? Did you also know that we are  
> probably the only developed country in the world where we are still  
> pouring poisoned and untreated storm waters into the streams and  
> rivers ostensibly because we don't have enough money? Other developed  
> countries have stopped this barbarous practice decades ago? We are  
> even pouring raw sewage into oceans still. And this at a time when we  
> teach our children to save our salmon. More and more we are beginning  
> to look like a third world country. Does this not bother you?

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> *Is that what you want? If you do, than I want you to put it in writing*  
> *and send a letter to that effect back to me. Incidentally my name is*  
> *Ernie Crist not Ernie Christ.*  
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> *Thank you very much.*  
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> *Ours truly,*  
>  
> *Ernie Crist*



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