

Subject: FW: Baden Powell Trail Maintenance Day Sunday 27th

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Mayor Harris; Lisa Muri; Ernie Crist

Cc: Graham Knell; Richard Boase; Susan Rogers

Subject: Baden Powell Trail Maintenance Day Sunday 27th

Dear Mayor and Council;

This Sunday, the NSMBA has organized a trail maintenance day on the Baden Powell trail from old Mountain Highway down to Mountain View Park. The trail head is just beyond the gate on the dirt access road to Grouse.

Time and the January's rapid thaw and subsequent monsoon like rains have ravaged certain parts of this trail. Whilst it is not a 'MTB' trail, more a walking and hiking trail enjoyed by local residents, we are happy to tend to its maintenance. We have approached trail running groups, as well as local residents to join in and help. We are looking to build community awareness to the reality of trail maintenance; in contrast to the community divisiveness that has been manufactured in recent newspaper headlines. We strongly believe in the North Vancouver community and feel this day is away to demonstrate it.

The work has been approved and sanctioned by DNV staff. We'd like to commend staff in their help on getting this done, especially Graham Knell, who has given much of his weekend time, going out of his way to assist.

If you wish to see the type of work we do, please feel free to come along on Sunday. If you feel like getting dirty, bring a pair of gloves. Many hands.., as they say. Lunch will be provided by Steed Cycles if you would like to join us.

Sincerely

Peter Campbell

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Subject: Province Feb 3rd 2005 - 41 km's of Fromme trails to be closed

Dear DNV Mayor and Council;

I was shocked to read the assertions made in the Province newspaper today.

I was also shocked at how the Alpine Recreational Study process that I have been actively involved in for the past 2 years was derailed so easily at Monday nights council meeting, and that staffs simple first step recommendation that a couple of parking lots be installed can't even get off the ground. As your staff learned over the past 2 years, such an obvious solution would please both recreational groups and homeowners in the area. I fit into both categories.

Now it appears that the whole process may have been a charade - some little game the District played to make residents think they were participating and that their opinions were welcomed. Instead, if the Province has their facts right, the result is preordained and the largest user group on the mountain are the ones who are going to pay.

Mountain bikers as a group are responsible citizens, we care for the environment, we teach our kids to value nature, we maintain the trails and we offer a viable and popular alternative for youth activity. You have the best developed and maintained trail system in the world situated in your District. It is located in a second growth, urban forest. It cost you nothing and will cost you nothing since mountain bikers maintain it at our own cost, yet it provides a healthy and active lifestyle to a high percentage of your local population as well as attracting tourists from all over Canada and abroad. You should be thanking us, not treating us like second class citizens and threatening to ban mountain biking.

Some of these arguments being thrown up against us are a joke, yet you seem intent on throwing the whole process back to the drawing board because a handful of radicals with ulterior motives to their posturing can sway the decision making process. Or maybe there is more to it than that! Whatever the case, this past week and the information divulged by the Province just leaves me wondering about the values of democracy and the integrity of the District of North Vancouver.


What is to happen next - have we all just been wasting our time?

Yours sincerely

Peter Campbell

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