

**Subject: RE: Northlands perimeter trail**

**Date:** Sun, 6 Feb 2005 09:43:43 -0800

**From:** "Ernie Crist" <ernie\_crist@dnv.org>

**To:** "tammy schouw" <rawessentials@shaw.ca>

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Ms. Schouw:

Mountain Biking in forested areas of Europe is what I said, not Mountain Biking in Europe. It is banned for the same reasons that clear cut logging is banned. Clearly they respect their forested environment. In any case Mountain Biking is not the issue. The issue is Mountain Biking in the forested areas of the District, specifically on Mount Fromme and in District Parks such as Mountain View Park. However, as long as you classify my emails as "drivel" I don't see any merit in continuing this exchange. As for the Parking issue? ... as I indicated to you already, for more details, you may wish to read the NS NEWS of Sunday Feb.6.

Thank you,

Ernie Crist,  
Councillor, DNV.

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

From: tammy schouw [<mailto:rawessentials@shaw.ca>]

Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2005 8:36 AM

To: Ernie Crist

Subject: Re: Northlands perimeter trail

mr crist,

i truly believe you need to consider taking at least some facts into consideration when trying to defend your position. could you please send me some evidence of mountain biking being banned in europe. i have friends in europe who not only mountain bike but work with local government to build and maintain trails.

you also say that mountain biking "attracts a certain type of clientele mostly young people with little regard to anything other than their own thrill". from you OWN website...

please read. the FACTS show that over 90% of trail users (of which 90% are mtn bikers) are over 20. over 58% are over 30years old.

<http://www.district.north-van.bc.ca/upload/documents/planning/Alpine/Alpine%20Survey%20Results.pdf>

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of course all this is irrlevant. from my previous email.. "i was asking about the parking issues as my daughter and myself used to enjoy use of fromme mountain trails for biking, HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING, and DOG WALKING which we have put our own time into maintaining and have the right to enjoy!

we no longer have appropriate access to the area and last monday's meeting was supposed to address and move forward with the parking issue. if no plans for lots are to be put in when can we expect some of the resident only parking to be changed? please inform me of when the next meeting regarding this will be".

i would appreciate a reply to what i have asked you rather than endless drivel about shutting down mountain biking trails.

thank you,  
tammy schouw

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

From: "Ernie Crist" <ernie\_crist@dnv.org>  
To: <rawessentials@shaw.ca>  
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2005 10:58 PM  
Subject: FW: Northlands perimeter trail

RE: Northlands perimeter trail

Mr.....

You may have been missing the point. What Mountain Biking does to the environment but especially to a forested environment has already been amply demonstrated on our own mountain trails. It is the reason why in Europe and parts of the US Mountain Biking is banned in all forested areas. We also know from experience that many Mountain bikers have little regard for the environment or for other people for that matter. You deny that Mountain Bikers are criss crossing the golf course, but the fact is that many of them are doing precisely that regardless of the consequences.

We know this from the complaints we have received including from our own staff. The bottom line is that Mountain Biking is an extreme sport which attracts a certain type of clientele mostly young people with little regard to anything other than their own thrill. I never said that you or your family belong to that category.

There is a place for Mountain Biking I am sure, but it is not in forested areas of the municipality, adjacent to residential areas or around golf courses. This is quite apart that it requires a huge outlay of financial resources since it is an international and fast growing sport. You state that I am harsh but so would you be if you knew just how abusive, contemptuous and threatening many young mountain bikers are and have been.

These are the facts and they are indisputable.

Yours truly,

Ernie Crist



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