

**Subject: FW: Esteemed Councillor Ernie Crist: In Regards to Mountain Biking on Vancouver's "North Shore" Trails**

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Dear Tag Aston Rauen:

This is a difficult issue. Mountain Biking in forested areas especially in areas with heavy rainfall as is the case in the North Shore Mountains carries a considerable environmental price tag. In Europe Mountain Biking in forested areas as a result is prohibited.

The matter is under further discussion.

Thank you,

Ernie Crist

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From: Mayor Harris

Sent: Tuesday, February 08, 2005 11:09 AM

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Cc: Mayor and Council - DNV

Subject: RE: Esteemed Councillor Ernie Crist: In Regards to Mountain Biking on Vancouver's "North Shore" Trails

Thank you for your email regarding Mountain Biking on Vancouver's North Shore Trails. For your information this issue is still in active discussion. I am anticipating that after the workshop the Alpine Strategic Plan will be returned to a Council meeting and a formal decision will be made at that time. Dates of meetings are advertised every Friday in our "District Dialogue" in the North Shore News.

Mayor Janice Harris

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Esteemed Councillor Ernie Crist,

Upon reading a portrayal of your views on one of my frequented mountain biking websites, I became upset. While my home country of the US is often overly litigious, I have admired BC for it's more relaxed views on what something can be sued for.

As a young mountain biker, 3.88 student as a Junior in high school, and leadership and mentorship participator, I find your views to be inconsiderate. In the US, mountain biking resorts and areas are restricted by USFS laws and the wilderness act. However, the situation in BC has become world-famous. Thousands of the worlds best trails litter the landscape all along the coast, on Vancouver Island, and most of all, in Vancouver BC itself.

I chose BC as my first mountain biking destination. I greatly

enjoyed the trails of Fromme and other mountains. As a tourist, mountain biker, and concerned youth I implore you to take a more liberal stance on mountain biking. The North Shore is the best tourist attraction of Vancouver, and encourages use of whistler Mt. Bike Park, a multi-million dollar industry.

Like the towns of Virgin, Moab, Whistler, and multiple summer lift resorts. Vancouver stands to reach financial gain, tourist acclaim, and worldwide respect from mountain bikers by embracing this phenomenon of the "North Shore Trails". As the birthplace of a rapidly growing sport, and multimillion dollar recreation industry, the mountains in Vancouver deserve to be preserved for mountain bikers, and allowed to be utilized with unfettered enthusiasm by local riders, bike shop owners, bicycle lobby groups (voters), and tourists alike.

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