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Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

As a North Vancouver resident I wish to express my gratitude to the District Staff for the work done on the Alpine Recreational Strategic Study. Knowledge obtained from this work will prove to be a great asset to us all in our struggle to preserve our remaining woodlands.

As a family we decided to move to North Vancouver to be in close proximity to Mt. Fromme. As a household we have spent over 5000CDN on locally produced biking equipment, clothing and services in the last year. Our friends and family as tourists come to North Vancouver for the trail networks and local biking culture contributing thousands more to the area's economy. I plead with council to consider the 970,000CDN required for the parking lots as a figure that is relative to the millions of dollars in revenue that mountain biking as a sport brings to the economy of our District.

Thank you and your staff, Ms. Harris for your diligence in putting environmental issues at the forefront of District's planning process.

To address a side note and at risk of stating the obvious or addressing a non-issue; I must still ask that you and your council consider the financial and lifestyle ramifications a moratorium on mountain biking in North Vancouver (as suggested by Mr. Crist) would have.

Regards,

Marcus Sawatzky