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Dear editor:

As a mountain biker living in Kamloops, B.C., I am dismayed by a proposal by Councillor Ernie Crist that a moratorium on mountain biking is the only option in the forests of North Vancouver.

I visit the Shore regularly to enjoy the excellent trails, forests and people that call it home. There are many aspects of the Shore that make this a desirable location for biking, none more than the singular efforts of the dedicated trail builders and environmentally responsible trail stewards that make it the world-wide destination it has become.

My family and I spend time and money in North Vancouver on our visits, and spread the word widely of its riches, both of the people and the landscape. Such self-righteousness and undemocratic arguments by individuals like Crist speak to a lack of understanding of what mountain biking is, its true impacts on the landscape, and are a total disregard for the estimated \$30 million benefit to the local economy.

Kamloops City Council recently approved a dedicated area for freeride mountain biking and are putting real dollars into ensuring it is a success. This was their response to residents' complaints about the impacts of mountain biking – they are embracing it and giving it a place rather than treating it like a crime. This takes vision, not division.

I urge the rest of the North Vancouver District Council to continue its reasonable approach to working towards practical and creative solutions to any concerns expressed by North Shore residents so that locals and visitors such as ourselves can continue to enjoy mountain biking in one of the finest locations in Canada and North America.

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