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Subject: North Shore Credit Union World Mtn Bike Festival and Conference

Hello, I am disappointed with the decision of council to deny a grant of any amount towards the "North Shore Credit Union World Mountain Bike Festival and Conference".

The conference attracts people from around the world. They spend a few pleasant days in our fine city, leave behind allot of cash and take home an exchange of information regarding the different aspects of off road cycling (an Olympic sport), including risk management, participation, sustainable trail information, community participation. They also participate in interactive trail maintenance demonstrations.

The benefits of the event effect the DNV in regard to tourism and a beneficial gathering of knowledge that is applicable to our situation here on "the shore" and at many other locations around the world.

The up coming council meeting on May 16 / 05 will have a motion presented by a member of council to propose a moratorium on Mtn biking on Mount Fromme. Such a drastic destructive action will last an indefinite length of time as we have experienced with the Alpine Recreational Area Study. Any effort by members of council to curtail mountain biking in the district should be voted down.

My son, Edward, attends Upper Lynn Elementary as did my daughter Emily and also myself when I was young. My son presently participates in the NS public school system "All Age Inter School Mountainbike League". He thinks the program is great. It has opened the door to a new activity he can do on his own or with friends or family. Unlike like hockey, soccer, baseball or other sports of similar caliber, there are no coaches or parents barking angry demands from the side lines.

Edward is very proud of his accomplishments in cross country racing this spring, always crossing the finish line in the top 5. He and his friends were self motivated to participate in the league and the result of high self esteem sincerely shows on their faces. They eagerly look forward to their next competition. These are the end results we want all youth to experience. It is healthy for the body and mind. These young people also show up for NSMBA trail maintenance days and enthusiastically put in hours of servicecommunity service.

With the help of people in our communitie, and the NSMBA, we can have a sustainable trail network that is a benefit to hikers and cyclists and in particularour community.

Without mountain biking, our children, businesses, and our international image will lose big time.

Sincerely
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