

Subject: FW: Response to letter from B. Parslow

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> **To:** Nathalie Valdes
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> Dear B. Parslow:

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> Thank you for your letter of August 23 re Bicycle Master Plan - the
> overall view.

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> In response to you questions I like to make the following brief
> points.

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> 1) Have members of Council read the Bicycle Master Plan ? - I don't
> know but I know I have read it.

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> 2) Is there a political will by Council to implement the Plan? - in
> my opinion no - the test was the Pedestrian Oriented Lynn Valley
> Community Plan which showed designated bicycle lanes but which
> turned out to be a hoax. One of the reasons of course was the Bicycle
> lobby failed to lobby Council at the time instead of being
> politically active.

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> 3) Is the Engineering Department deliberately slowing the
> implementation? - I don't know but they certainly are not slowing
> the Mountain Biking agenda - that could be because the Mountain
> Bikers are boasting on their web site that it is because of them that
> Janice Harris got elected Mayor.

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> 4) Why are we having an outside agency in again to advise us on the
> Bicycle Master Plan, when so little has been achieved ? - This is
> business as usual in the District and is a favoured method to cold
> shoulder a plan? - Once again this is what happens when you don't
> fight for what you believe in.

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> 5) Why has the Pan achieved so little for the amount of effort that
> has been put into it? - Nice guys come last.

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> 6) Has there been a yearly target set and revealed to Council
> regarding the Plan? - Not to my knowledge and in any case it would
> not mean very much since nice guys come last.

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> 7 Has there been an annual reporting by Engineering regarding the
> Plan? - Not to my knowledge.


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> 8) Why is the Plan taking so long ? - For the same reasons as in 5
> and 6 - nice guys finish last. Incidentally it is also the same
> reason why Canada doesn't belong to us anymore.

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> I trust you get the message.

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> Yours truly,

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> Ernie Crist

> *I hope you get the message*

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