## Subject: The CBC show on Stunt biking on Mount Fromme.

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Dear Mrs Craver:

Congratulations - you did extremely well. I am still wondering why Bob Nixon from the CBC called my wife (I was not home) and told her it would be "on TV tonight" (last night) and to tell me that I am coming out smelling like roses in the show. I still don't know what that is supposed to mean, especially since I was only on for 4 seconds but maybe somebody cut it in the last minute - maybe a stunt biker.

But you were very effective, you looked composed and very respectable. You sounded knowledgeable and reasonable. Altogether a good show for you and not so good for the stunt bikers. This, despite the fact that the program made every effort to present Mountain Biking i.e. stunt biking in the best possible light and on the whole was an apology for environmental desecration. However, anybody who truly appreciates the flora and fauna, has respect for and appreciates the natural forest environment saw the destruction and would appreciate what would happen if there are going to be heavy rainfalls which most certainly will be the case.

Indeed, it was Sharon Bader from the NSMBA herself who said so and voiced concerns about this. Also the Biker from Wales exposed the NSMBA, maybe unwittingly, and especially the DNV I thought, when he said he was surprised that all this trail building had been allowed without there being an overall plan in place and without government permission more or less.

I could have told him that this is how things are done in the District and have been ever since Don himself (the man who forgot to enter the mileage in his little black book) with the help of his Councillors took over the reins of the District, be it Waterfront, Heritage Fund, Canlan, KPMG, Northlands, Infrastructure Reserve Fund and the latest, the Lynn Valley Town Center and Mountain Biking IN THE VICINITY OF GROUSE MOUNTAIN and its zoo which of course is purely incidental "successes" - Act first and think after, ad hoc, piecemeal, senseless but, most of all, expensive.

Once again, in my opinion, the ecology barbarians and their supporters did not do so well on the show although they might well think that they did. Ecology barbarians very seldom know the difference. One thing is for certain nobody who saw that program can deny that Mountain Biking so called is really stunt biking by another name at the expense of the environment and that the DNV Council just is not exactly endowed with a great capacity for sound thinking.

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