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Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee  
Attn: Harold Steves  
City of Richmond  
6911 No. 3 Road  
Richmond, BC V6Y 2C1

Dear Chairman Steves and Committee Members:

Re: Steveston Bike Park

A delegation of interested community members wish to appear before the Committee on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> to make a brief presentation regarding a bike park in the Steveston area and to respond to any questions committee members may have.

Who are we?

We are acting on behalf of community members interested in securing a bike park in Steveston. The group consists primarily of children and youths who enjoy recreational mountain/terrain biking and have the support of many parents, neighbours and interested community members. We have already secured the participation of the Steveston Community Association, members of the Steveston Community Police and some local business owners.

What do we want?

The "bikers" need immediate access to a safe space to practice their biking skills. As this group of bikers is based in the Steveston area, we are hoping for a site within this community where amenities like washrooms and telephone are readily available. Construction costs should be minimal as the materials needed consist primarily of dirt and logs. Although our focus at this time is on immediate access to a site, we are certainly interested in pursuing a longer-term solution that meets a broader range of needs.

How will we accomplish this task?

We are seeking the support of this Committee and City Council to designate a safe biking space in Steveston. We have organized a group of interested parties. Some initial meetings have focussed on organizing support for the design, design ideas, fund-raising,

and volunteer resources including a backhoe to help set up the park. The Program Coordinator and Youth Coordinator at Steveston Community Centre have been most supportive and held separate meetings with some of the kids. We understand future planning activities may include visits to biking sites already set up in other municipalities (e.g. Port Moody).

There has been some discussion about the Steveston Community Association making a site accessible in the short term if City Council makes a commitment for a permanent solution and addresses liability issues.

In summary, we are seeking immediate support for a temporary bike park space and commitment for a permanent biking facility.

We look forward to meeting with you,

Judy Kelly and Denise Dale  
on behalf of community members  
interested in a Bike Park for Steveston