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To:

Mayor and Council,
City of North Vancouver
141 West 14th Street
North Vancouver, BC V7M 1H9

RE: Bicycle Parking at Large Public Events

Dear Mayor and Council,

HUB Cycling is a charitable organization working to get more people cycling, more often. We believe that more cycling means healthier, happier, more connected communities.

The City of North Vancouver is the venue for many large scale events including the Shipyards Friday Night Market and Canada Day Celebrations, to name a few. Recently, a North Shore resident attended a HUB Cycling North Shore Committee meeting to share their concern over the lack of Bicycle Valet Parking at these and other events.

At Granville Island and many public events in Metro Vancouver, Bicycle Valet Parking has become a basic expectation. While additional bike racks have been added to many areas of the City, they are often at capacity during events and do not offer the same level of security as Bicycle Valet. In this case, the individual was concerned about the security of their bike using the bike racks at both the Shipyards Friday Night Market and the Canada Day Celebration and decided to walk their bike through the crowds in attendance. This was awkward for the individual and others in attendance.

It is suggested that going forward the City of North Vancouver make Bicycle Valet Parking an additional requirement for large public event permits. The City of North Vancouver has made major investments in bike infrastructure to support people using bikes for transportation and this requirement will remove an additional barrier to people cycling for transportation. This will reduce traffic and parking impacts at these events.

Please see this link for further information: <http://thebicyclevalet.ca/hire-the-bicycle-valet/>

Thank you.

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Tony Valente,
Chair, HUB North Shore
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