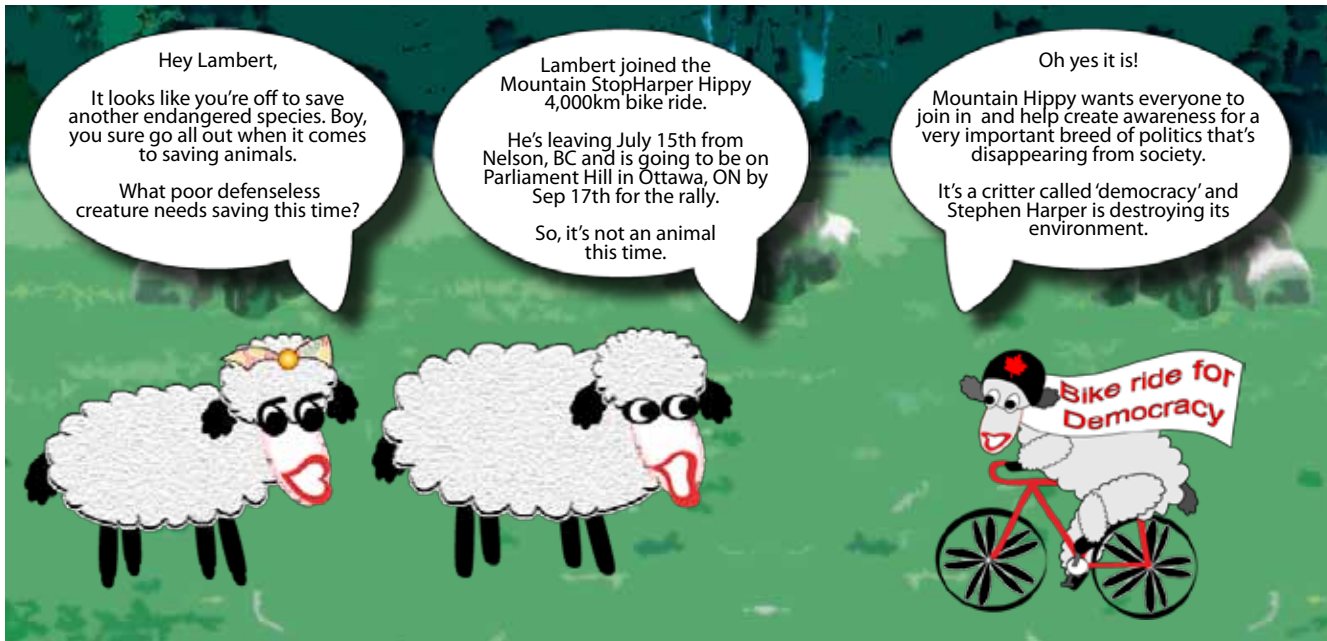


Bike Ride Start



Hey Lambert,

It looks like you're off to save another endangered species. Boy, you sure go all out when it comes to saving animals.

What poor defenseless creature needs saving this time?

Lambert joined the Mountain StopHarper Hippy 4,000km bike ride.

He's leaving July 15th from Nelson, BC and is going to be on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, ON by Sep 17th for the rally.

So, it's not an animal this time.

Oh yes it is!

Mountain Hippy wants everyone to join in and help create awareness for a very important breed of politics that's disappearing from society.

It's a critter called 'democracy' and Stephen Harper is destroying its environment.

Final Commentary



Ewenis: Well, Ingram.

It looks like Lambert and Mountain Hippy made it all the way to Ottawa in time for the protest rally at the opening of parliament on September 17th. I'd say Hippy's Bike Ride for Democracy was a huge success, far beyond a personal campaign.

Now he's preparing to hitch-hike back across the 4,000km trek to his home in Nelson, BC. I'm sure he'll have some great stories to tell – maybe he'll write a book.

Ingram: For sure, Ewenis.

Mountain Hippy's bike ride was also part of a bigger campaign to 'Stop Harper' and bring direct democracy back from the brink of extinction at Harper's hand. On his ride he got a lot of people talking, thinking and acting on demanding their rights for a healthy democracy.

And, even though mainstream media exposure was clearly restricted by Harper's government, there is yet a stronger voice in social media that Harper can't control.



“ Drop everything and stop at nothing.

~ Mountain Hippy (Logan Rankeillor)



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Nelson - Cranbrook



EYou know Ingram, this Bike Ride for Democracy campaign that Lambert's out supporting has really got me thinking about democracy even more now.

When and where did Harper get the idea that he is our 'leader'? The only thing he was a leader of was his party and it only meant he was the representative. Now he thinks he 'leads' us?

Talk about putting a square-wheeled cart before the horse!

Right you are, Ewenis.

In the short three days that he's been on this ride, I've been revisiting the meaning of democracy myself. In a democratic system the people have an elected agent, not a leader.

The people are the supreme power and the agent is hired to ensure they are informed, then let them vote on the issues that affect them.

Harper has democracy confused with dictatorship.

Cranbrook - Lethbridge



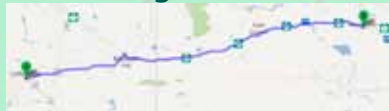
EDid you get Lambert's latest news on what people are saying about democracy in Canada?

Some say they can't get their voice heard above the din of dictatorial drivel.

Oh. I thought he said dictatorial 'dribble'.

I could see where our politicians dribble the ball, but can't sink it, so they pass it on to the next in line. I thought it was a lame political game.

Lethbridge - Moose Jaw



ELambert says they made it to Moose Jaw, SK, which is about 1,000km and 1/4 of the way on his 'Bike Ride for Democracy'. Apparently, he's gaining a lot of momentum, including an article in the Moose Jaw Times.

He also said there are a few people who do not support democracy at all. Yet, all the people he's met are willing to talk about it with calmness and maturity.

It's no wonder that some folks don't support the concept of democracy given how it's been contorted over the years.

What exactly would those folks propose as a better governing system?

At least if we can bring back democracy in its true and constitutional form, we would have our original foundation as a starting point.

Moose Jaw - Regina



ELambert said he's meeting some really friendly folks through his travels across Canada on this Bike Ride for Democracy.

I think it's wonderful when we can chat about politics as if we were talking about a hobby.

In fact, I think politics can be quite an exhilarating hobby to have – kinda like a video game.

Me, too. The fun part is when you level up once you get the hang of how it's played.

The problem with our current politics is that someone in government changed the rules

and everyone got stuck on Level 6.

At least we know how it's meant to be played and they should listen up if they want to *level up*.

Regina - Kenora



ELambert said Mountain Hippy's not only peddling up a storm and through a storm; he's also creating a storm on his Bike Ride for Democracy.

He's been chatting up people from all sectors in communities, the local media; even a Calgary radio station did an interview with him.

He sure is! He just past the half-way point and the Ontario border. I see Hurricane Hippy forming already.

He says most folks are like-minded in their views on democracy. I guess now we just need to give those unified minds more of a voice.

Kind of like what we do: talk about the issues and get involved in the decision-making.

EHey, Ingram. I just got the latest update from Lambert:

Kenora - Sudbury



He said Hippy got some fantastic press in Sault St. Marie on his Bike Ride for Democracy and now people are seeking him out on the road to chat him up and thank him.

Now he's in Sudbury looking for even more media attention by doing radio or TV interviews before he peddles off to Ottawa.

That's awesome, Ewenis!

It's a real milestone shift in mind-set when people start to seek you out. It means they're connecting to your cause in a big way.

I sure hope there's no political censoring or interference for his campaign; this is real people making a real difference – and that's *real news*.



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