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Promoting Safe Cycling Throughout Durham Region

To Whom It May Concern

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We would like to introduce the Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) which has recently been formed to provide a unified voice for the many cyclists throughout the Durham Region with the purpose of enhancing cycling as an active mode of transportation and recreation in a safe environment. This initiative was undertaken by the Region's principal cycling clubs, namely: the Oshawa Cycling Club, the Durham Mountain Bike Association, the Durham Cycling Club, the Clarington Cycling Club and the Uxbridge Cycling Club with a combined membership of some 1200 active cyclists. In addition there are many non-club cyclists who would also benefit from improvements to the cycling infrastructure throughout the Region. Although the DRCC is in its infancy (we have yet to finalize a website) you can currently follow us on Twitter and reach us by email at durhamrcc@gmail.com.

The Region and its municipalities have developed, and continue to refine and update, Transportation Plans which include cycling infrastructure to promote cycling as an active mode of transportation for commuting, recreation and tourism. The DRCC would welcome every opportunity to provide meaningful input to these plans to create uniform, minimum standards for cycling infrastructure throughout the Region. Some individual club members have already made submissions for road and trail improvements and received positive responses.

DRCC believes that with a single voice and by working closely and in a constructive manner with all levels of government to promote safe cycling there will be an enormous benefit to individuals and businesses in the Region.

In addition to working with government DRCC will endeavor to reach out to other members of the public to help communicate cycling issues and concerns. In this capacity the five largest cycling shops in Durham region have endorsed DRCC.

We look forward to working with the Region and all our municipalities and please feel free to contact us if you have any cycling related questions.

Yours truly,

The Durham Region Cycling Coalition