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Attention: Brad Dobson, Project Superintendent

**RE: Notice of Construction - Waterfront Trail Closure at Duffin Creek WPCP**

As an advocacy group in support of safe cycling, Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) is a not-for-profit volunteer organization representing the six cycle clubs as well as local cycling enthusiasts within Durham Region.

Through the Notice of Construction of January 24, DRCC became aware of planned trail closures to the Waterfront Trail (WFT) from Montgomery Park Road (west) to Frisco Road (east) with a timeline expected to last from February 1 to December 2022.

DRCC fully supports the planned upgrades to the WFT in this section and looks forward to seeing the finished product later this year.

We are however dismayed at the lack of clarity around the WFT closures (or partial closures) and how through cycle traffic will be handled as it approaches the closures from both the west and the east on this very busy trail.

The WFT is a **significant tourist route** for cyclists from the Quebec border to Windsor and beyond. Within Durham Region the WFT is a very popular route for many of our members who cycle across the full 70 km Durham segment as well as tourists from outside the Region. It would seem reasonable for cyclists riding the WFT to expect that a trail closure would be well signed and posted with a detour route. Given this trail accommodates hundreds of users on a daily basis, the trail cannot simply be closed with no options or alternatives.



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As a community partner, DRCC is available to consult with the Region regarding best practices on how to mitigate these closures utilizing safe, signed detours around trail closures.

Thank you for taking the time to review our concerns. We look forward to hearing back on how we can work together on a safe, signed detour throughout the construction period.

Regards

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