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Via e-mail; planning.sez@ontario.ca

November 16, 2023

RE: Proposed Urban Provincial Park – Township of Uxbridge

Dear Sir,

Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) is a non-profit, volunteer organization advocating for safe cycling improvements throughout the Durham Region. We represent the five cycling clubs in the Region as well as the many non-club cyclists of all ages and abilities.

As a community partner, we are pleased to learn of the proposed urban park in the Township of Uxbridge. We are aware of many cyclists and their families who currently make full use of the existing forests and would like to offer the following as it pertains to the broad cycling community:

- The existing forests that will be incorporated into the new park have many trails used by hikers and mountain bikers who have invested considerable time and resources to maintain the forest trails for many years. Any member of the public can visit these forests to enjoy the natural flora and fauna while sharing the trails with all other users.
- Any new management of the existing forests should maintain full accessibility to the existing trail system for all users.
- Adequate parking should be incorporated to all areas and existing parking areas should be maintained and upgraded as may be required. Winter parking should also be provided.
- The park and parking lots should remain open after dark to allow for night time use as is the present case. Currently, mountain bikers use high intensity front and rear lights for safety after dark.



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- The park should offer year-round access to accommodate hiking, biking, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, etc.
- To seamlessly connect the three separate park areas, **safe** cycling and pedestrian routes should be incorporated.

On behalf of every-one at DRCC thank you for the opportunity to provide input to this significant and worth while project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Lee", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Derek Lee, Director

CC: Bruce MacDonald, Durham Mountain Biking Association

Kevin McConomy, Uxbridge Cycling Club