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**RE: Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park**

Dear Sir,

Representatives of the Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) attended the January 16<sup>th</sup> open house in Uxbridge regarding the preliminary management plan for the Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park. The work carried out so far is commendable in maintaining the environmental aspect of the existing lands and integrating public usage.

In our letter of November 16, 2023, we offered broad comments regarding the park's usage and facilities. To that we would like to add the following:

- Within the park lands incorporate an interconnecting spine trail that would accommodate all users of all abilities. This would entail shallow gradients and a compact gravel or asphalt surface. Points of interest and other trails would be accessed via the spine trail.
- Considering the Trans Canada Trail heads south through Uxbridge it would be an opportunity to reroute the TCT and integrate it with the suggested spine trail.
- In the long term, if the TRCA lands of Walker Woods etc. are incorporated in the provincial park, consider a new route for the TCT in these lands that would be more amenable to the average trail user. At present the TCT route is only suitable for hikers and mountain bikers.



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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this significant provincial park and we would welcome any further discussion concerning our suggestions.

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: Dennis Kavis, Durham Mountain Biking Association

Kevin McConomy, Uxbridge Cycling Club

Dave Barton, Mayor of Uxbridge