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September 15, 2023

Mr. Paul Ainslie
Chair
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
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Dear Mr. Ainslie:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for your contributions and ongoing support for the proposal to create Ontario's first urban provincial park within the Township of Uxbridge - Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park.

If regulated under the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006* (PPCRA), this new urban provincial park will provide the Township of Uxbridge and surrounding communities with more opportunities to benefit from natural spaces close to home and recreational activities for families to enjoy now and in the future. This provincial park will also help protect vulnerable ecosystems and promote biodiversity in southern Ontario's greenspaces.

I am writing today to ask for further support as we move forward with the process to regulate six parcels of Ontario government surplus lands under the PPCRA and explore potential opportunities to add more lands to this area. My ministry is asking our partners to identify land parcels that are owned or managed by your organization, within or adjacent to the general study area of the park (see Attachment A), that could potentially be added to the proposed park boundary. Through this initial outreach, we would ask that your organization identify any specific information that would be needed to develop proposals and identify any needs or dependencies associated with the transfer of such lands to the province for the establishment of the new park.

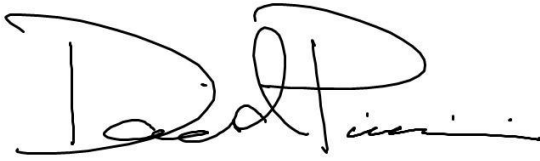
Your organization representatives can work directly with Jason Travers, Director, Ontario Parks Operations Branch, Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks, to provide required information to help develop any proposals for consideration.

If additional lands are chosen to be added to the park boundary, the ministry will ensure there are opportunities for public and Indigenous consultation.

I would like to thank you again for your continued support in the creation of Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority's contributions and involvement on the Uxbridge Partners Network helping the Ontario government in protecting natural areas, promoting the importance of healthy, green spaces, and increasing sustainable outdoor recreational opportunities for future generations to use and enjoy.

Mr. Paul Ainslie
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Piccini'. The signature is stylized with large, sweeping letters and a long horizontal tail.

David Piccini
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Enclosure

- c: Jason Travers, Director, Ontario Parks Operations Branch, MECP
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ATTACHMENT A – STUDY AREA FOR PROPOSED UXBRIDGE URBAN PROVINCIAL PARK

