



August 29, 2024

Dear John MacKenzie,

On July 1, 2024, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) established Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park, Ontario's first urban provincial park, in the Township of Uxbridge. Over the past 18 months, we have been so pleased to have been working very closely with the Uxbridge Partners Network, including the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), to identify the full recreational and protection potential of a provincial park in the Uxbridge area and lands that could be proposed to be added to expand the park boundary in the future.

I would like to thank you and TRCA staff for the hard work and dedication between TRCA staff and Ontario Parks staff that has gone into this proposal since Spring 2023. Without this ongoing collaboration, we would not have been able to achieve as much as we have in just over a year. We are very excited to continue to work on this project with TRCA and look forward to working with you and your staff as conservation partners for many more years to come.

As a follow up to the September 20, 2023, letter from TRCA Board of Directors Chair to MECP, I am writing to you today to express interest in the further consideration of 39 specific parcels of land owned by the TRCA (Attachment). We have worked very closely with TRCA staff to review TRCA owned parcels and to identify those lands that would fit nicely with the vision of the newly established Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park to create natural trail connections in the Township of Uxbridge and for recommending for permanent protection under the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act*.

If concurrence is provided by the TRCA Board of Directors, we will work with the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI) and Infrastructure Ontario (IO) to complete due diligence work on behalf of the Crown and come to an agreement on the proposed acquisition details and associated acquisition costs that will be covered by MECP.

I would like to thank the TRCA for the continued support in the creation of Uxbridge Urban Provincial Park and the 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.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Travers', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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