



June 8, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

Parry Sound Area Active Transportation (PSAAT) is pleased to offer a letter of support for the funding application being submitted jointly by the Municipality of McDougall and the Town of Parry Sound to the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. This funding would enable the completion of a vital piece of active transportation infrastructure for Parry Sound Area communities.

PSAAT has identified the proposed trail as high priority for the Parry Sound Area. The proposed trail will connect existing trails in both municipalities thereby facilitating safer travel between communities and increasing access to important community facilities such as Kinsmen Park and the YMCA. To help highlight the need for this trail, PSAAT hosts an annual community cycling event along this route. The ride is well attended by community members of all ages and several partners work together to make it happen, including the West Parry Sound Health Centre, the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, local municipalities and bicycle shops.

The development of this trail also aligns with provincial efforts such as the Ontario Cycling Strategy and the Georgian Bay Cycling Route, both of which reinforce the economic benefits of investing in active transportation infrastructure. By developing key linkages such as this proposed trail, the Parry Sound Area will be in a better position to promote itself as a cycling and hiking destination.

PSAAT is a grassroots group of dedicated community organizations and volunteers, which collaborates with local municipalities and community partners to foster an active transportation culture and improve conditions for walking and cycling.

We are pleased to support the Municipality of McDougall and the Town of Parry Sound with this proposed trail project and would strongly urge your consideration of their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Wendall Fisher'.

Wendall Fisher, Chair