

# Letter of Support for the Guelph Innovation District

## Guelph Hiking Trail Club Endorsement



September 5, 2025

To Guelph City Council,

The Guelph Hiking Trail Club (GHTC) is pleased to express its support for the proposed Guelph Innovation District (GID) development. As maintainers of hiking trails across the GID lands, under a License Agreement with Fusion Homes, we recognize the unique opportunity to enhance connectivity between the GID and the broader Guelph trail network.

Our Cliff Top Side Trail runs along the border between the developable lands and the Natural Heritage Zone, marking the edge of the proposed development area in the Block Plan. As a city-acknowledged "third party" partner—providing "community led, city supported" trails as described in the Guelph Trails Master Plan—the GHTC is committed to connecting the GID to the rest of the city's trail network.

We share a vision with Fusion Homes for the Cliff Top Side Trail to offer direct trail walking connectivity between the GID and both the GHTC trail network and other city trails. Provided that the Cliff Top Side Trail remains generally intact in its current location to facilitate this future connectivity, the GHTC fully supports the proposed development area and boundaries presented in the Block Plan.

Sincerely,

*Colin McCusker*

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President, Guelph Hiking Trail Club