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Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie Welcomes Major Milestone Connecting Toronto's Ravine Loop Trail to The Meadowway

TORONTO, ON— Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie, Vice-Chair of the TRCA Board of Directors, is pleased to celebrate the construction of a permanent connection between the Loop Trail and The Meadowway. Having worked on this project, it is exciting to see these two major trail networks finally coming together to create a continuous path across the City of Toronto.

"I am incredibly enthusiastic to see this physical connection finally taking shape," said Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie. "Connecting the Loop Trail to The Meadowway will give Scarborough residents and all Torontonians seamless, off-road access to our ravines and Rouge National Urban Park. This is a project I have been involved with for some time, seeing the physical gap close is a massive win for our community's health, recreation, and environment."

On Monday, July 13, 2026, the City of Toronto and the TRCA opened East Don Trail Phase 1, completing a major portion of the connection ending at Bermondsey Road. The final segment between Bermondsey Road and Eglinton Avenue East has already been designed and is scheduled for construction in 2027. The entire permanent connection is expected to be fully completed and open to the public by the end of 2027.

Once completed, the off-road connection will replace an inconvenient on-road route that required trail users to carry bikes up stairs and navigate busy streets. The completed network will link 15 parks, 13 neighbourhoods, and over 150 hectares of restored meadow habitat, offering Scarborough residents unprecedented access to Toronto's city-wide trail system.

The Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) is supportive and actively contributing to advancing this connection, in partnership with the City of Toronto.

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