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Newest Section of Moffat Creek Trail Officially Opens Boardwalk Part of the New Enhancements

Cambridge, Ontario. September 13th, 2010... Cambridge Mayor, City Councillors and members of the Trails Committee joined the community yesterday for the official ribbon cutting of the Moffat Creek Trail.

The new 0.7 km extension between Franklin Boulevard and Dundas Street in Cambridge brings to 56 km the total number of City trails available to the community. The scenic urban and rural trails wind throughout the City and include 18 km along the Grand River, a Canadian Heritage river. The Moffat Creek trail project represents an investment of \$470,000 and also incorporates a new 90 metre boardwalk as part of the design.

"There was a great turn out for the inaugural trail walk this weekend," says Councillor Gary Price, also a representative on the City Trail Committee. "Community representatives are already using the new trail," and he says the City continues to receive positive feedback from citizens who experience the new amenity.

The development of this newest portion of the trail system completes a critical off-road link to future trails in the South East Galt Community and forms part of the City's Trail Master Plan update which incorporated a number of community consultation sessions that were held earlier in the year. The City undertook public input sessions to help shape the strategic plan for the overall trail system. Workshops, presentations and online/hard copy surveys were among the tools that the team utilized as part of the consultation process to update the existing city-wide, Multi-use Trail Study and Trail Maintenance Manual. First developed in 1996 as a guide to future trail improvements and strategies, the evergreen document will provide the groundwork for future initiatives.

The project consultants Conestoga Rovers and Associates and the project contractor Brantford Engineering & Construction Ltd were also on hand for the ribbon cutting. The trail was constructed over a tunneled sanitary sewer truck line installation and incorporated special construction techniques to minimize environmental impact.

Alex Koch, the City's Co-ordinator of Design & Development for Community Services, says the team is currently reviewing the outcomes of the recent public consultation on the Trails Master Plan and preparing plans for future

trail routes and linkages. "We have an exceptional quality of life here in Cambridge and the trail system is a big part of what people, business leaders and visitors value about our community."

The City of Cambridge continues to invest in the trail system and wishes to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the following Cambridge Trails Advisory Committee members:

Chair: Bill Kirby

Vice-Chair: Trevor Hughes

Council Representative: Councillor Gary Price

Member: Bob McMullen

Member: Gary Stockford

Member: Pete Graham

Member: Lee Drennan

Member: Jennifer Annett

Staff Liaison: Alex Koch, Co-ordinator Design and Development, Community Services Department

Cte. Secretary: Michelle Vienneau, Clerical Assistant, Community Services Department

For more information visit our website at www.cambridge.ca/trails.



A piper leads a procession of people over the boardwalk during the Moffat Creek Trail opening of the latest section on Sunday.

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About Cambridge

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2009, the population reached over 126,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.