

To Mayor Bevilacqua, Councillors and Regional Councillors,

March 8th, 2021

Being a long-time resident in Ward 1, I'm requesting that the members of Vaughan Council officially reaffirm your motion and vote yes to reverse endorsement of the proposed GTA West Corridor/Highway 413 as at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 2nd, 2021. I also ask you to pass a motion to support the request for a Federal Environment Impact Assessment.

The \$6 – \$10 billion and most likely higher cost to build this mega highway that will merge into an already gridlocked highway 400, is just not justified for 30 seconds' commute time savings. We do not need more traffic in Vaughan, we need better modes of transportation and viable alternatives. People want to live in areas with greenspaces, to enjoy Conservation areas and backyards. People want transportation options which do not always include a car to commute.

Ultimately you will sustain the greenbelt, wetlands and woodlots; which in turn prevent flooding, provides a healthy ecosystem which is critical to your resident's health and wellbeing. Preserve the farmlands for our much-needed food and sustain the many people employed in that area. Please follow the lead of Mississauga, Halton Region, Orangeville, and Halton Hills who have all chosen to oppose Highway 413 based on local opposition and sound reasoning.

Highways bring about the need to widen all surrounding roads which leads to even greater loss of lands, more traffic and resulting greenhouse gas emissions. Don't undermine Vaughan's 2019 Climate Emergency declaration. Please support an environmentally sound decision, develop infrastructure with a Greener future in mind. Think back to the expert advisory panel report which led to the cancellation of this highway in 2018.

Everyone, I ask you to find a way to preserve and incorporate the beauty of the Northern part of Vaughan as you plan the future of the area.

Members of Vaughan Council I ask you please;

- A) Officially reaffirm your motion and unanimously vote yes to reverse endorsement of the proposed GTA West Corridor/Highway 413 as was done at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 2nd, 2021 and,**
- B) Pass a motion to support the request for a Federal Environmental Impact Assessment**
- C) For a recorded vote**

Respectfully,

Alexandra Ney

Resident of King Vaughan Road 