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To: Bellisario, Adelina
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From: Kevin Russell [redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, February 28, 2021 2:18 PM
To: Clerks@vaughan.ca
Cc: Council@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Re proposed GTA West Highway to be discussed at the March 2/2021 meeting

Dear Mayor and councillors,

My wife and I are residents of Vaughan and have lived in Kleinburg for 14 years. We have recently been made aware of the proposed GTA West highway and are extremely concerned about the impact this project will have on our environment. We urgently request that you reverse your support for the new highway, and instead ask that you support a Federal Environmental assessment. Public opinion is clearly against the GTA West highway. The outrage over plans to pave over farmland, wetlands, and forests is sweeping through all of the regions affected including York. The fact that a mega highway can be constructed within the Greenbelt is illogical and contradictory, and will seriously taint the reputation of those who press forward recklessly for approval of the project.

We feel strongly that the environmental damage as a result of both the construction and ongoing use of the new highway by thousands of vehicles daily is completely unacceptable and is not in keeping with the values of the residents of Vaughan. It is time for our elected representatives to act in the best long term interests of the region and stop the seemingly endless loss of valuable forests, farmland and wetlands which can never be replaced. The climate emergency is real and your approval of such a destructive project and the resulting inevitable environmental and health consequences is simply unconscionable. You are making decisions which will impact future generations.

We understand that the population in Vaughan will continue to grow but urge you to plan for a future which includes less urban sprawl, much better public transportation, fewer vehicles and more green space. This is an opportunity for you to make a positive difference for all of us.

Regards,

Kevin and Mary Russell
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