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To: Clerks@vaughan.ca; Council@vaughan.ca
Subject: [External] Please reverse support of Hwy 413

Dear Mayor & Council

Please find YREA's letter asking you to reverse support of Hwy 413 attached for your consideration today.

Sincerely
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March 1, 2021

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Dear Mayor and Council

RE: PLEASE REVERSE ENDORSEMENT OF THE PROPOSED GTA WEST CORRIDOR/HWY 413

Vaughan Council can be credited with listening to the people and this is another instance where we ask you to do the right thing and reverse the endorsement of this completely unnecessary, senseless project.

Do we really want to?:

- Pave over farms, forests, wetlands and a portion of the Greenbelt.
- Build another Highway 15 kms away from the underused Hwy 407.
- Encourage more polluting cars on the road, while doing little to relieve congestion and only saving drivers 1 minute per trip.
- Destroy the Nashville Conservation Area.
- Cost Ontario taxpayers billions thereby leaving less money to invest in crucial public transit.
- Degrade parts of the Credit River and Humber River watersheds that flow into Lake Ontario – a source of drinking water for millions of GTA residents.
- Pave over 2,000 acres of Ontario's most productive farmland when we should be conserving agricultural land to ensure permanent local food security and employment.
- Circumvent a proper Provincial EA and start building before the appropriate Federal Environmental Assessment is completed.

Although the pressure from developers has influenced the Province to make this foolhardy decision, York Region Environmental Alliance does not believe Vaughan Council truly wishes the above outcomes to become a reality. Wiser minds must prevail for the benefit of the people and the environment. Please reconsider and reverse endorsement of this project by joining Mississauga in opposition to Highway 413.

Sincerely

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