

**COMMUNICATION – C27
COUNCIL – March 10, 2021
Committee of the Whole
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To: City of Vaughan Council

From: Theresa Sherwood

Subject: City of Vaughan Council Meeting – March 10, 2021
7 -12 Presentation - Irene Ford asking Vaughan Council to reverse endorsement of the proposed GTA West Corridor/Hwy 413

Date: March 7, 2021

My name is Theresa Sherwood. I am a resident of King Township, just north of Pine Valley Dr and King-Vaughan Rd. I am trying to preserve my family farm (Sherwood Farm-since 1962) as a rural retreat venue and agricultural farm. A major highway just south of my 70-acre property, in the greenbelt, will reverse everything that my family has worked for to keep our farm.

I am requesting that the members of Vaughan council ratify their decision to reverse endorsement for the proposed GTA West Corridor/Highway 413 as was done at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 2, 2021; and pass a motion to support the request for a federal Environmental Assessment.

Continuing with this project will have devastating consequences on climate change, GTA watersheds, local ecosystems and the environment in general. The world's largest protected green space, Ontario's Greenbelt, would see the giant asphalt corridor run right along its southern edge and right through some sensitive natural ecosystems. Sustaining the GTA's watershed, which prevents flooding, ensures clean water and healthy ecosystems is critical to the health of Ontario's most populous region. Building a highway across these lands goes against everything the Province has done in the last two decades to protect the environment.

Please follow the lead of Mississauga, Halton Region, Orangeville, Halton Hills and Halton Region who have all chosen to oppose Highway 413 based on local opposition.

Money set aside for this project would be better spent on public transit projects.

Please support environmentally sound decision making, listen to the well thought out and reasonable arguments made by Vaughan and neighboring residents that will be most affected by Highway 413 driving through their fields and farms, and who do not want to see this multi-billion-dollar highway project built.

I respectfully request that the members of Vaughan Council unanimously vote yes to ratify its decision to reverse its endorsement of the proposed GTA West Corridor Highway 413 and pass a motion to support the request for a federal Environmental Assessment.

Sincerely,

Theresa Sherwood

