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Subject: [External] Upper Cold Creek Farm requests that Vaughan council DOES NOT support Highway 413

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

My wife, Gillian Evans, and I live on her family's 3rd generation cattle farm on Pine Valley Drive near Major Mackenzie. The farm has been in the family for nearly 90 years. As you can imagine, we are seeing a lot of change in the neighbourhood. Farms that produced food for Ontarians are being paved over in favour of massive single family homes. The landscape is indeed changing, irrevocably.

We believe that Councillor lafrate does a terrific job representing our interests and has always been supportive of our strong and consistent view that we must balance development (needed for both population growth and raising funds for the city's ongoing operations and infrastructure investments) against the imperative to consider the longer term vision of our community 50 and indeed 500 years out. Balancing housing development with natural, cultural and agricultural heritage are principal roles that your constituents entrust to you.

So **it was with enormous pride that we witnessed the 5:4 vote to overturn Vaughan council support of the GTA West highway.** A highway we won't need in a future that requires far less individual transport. The future is churning rapidly (I encourage you to read "The future is faster than you think" - it will give you a sense of just how rapidly things are changing with the vaccine being a great example) and looking out 15-25 years, we simply won't need this highway. The transportation system of 2035 is going to be dramatically different than 2010 when this highway was first under consideration.

Thank you to the five councillors who stood together for the right decision for our fellow Ontarians, those alive today and yet to be born. I am hopeful that we can gain unanimous consensus with the Mayor and Regional Councillors joining the growing number of cities that DO NOT support this unnecessary highway.

\$6 billion (likely to be much more) is money better invested in far more pressing priorities for our province and our region (public transit, for example).

Saving our cultural, natural and agricultural heritage by not paving over more of Ontario's prime farm land, forests and river valleys will be reflected in a far more important and lasting legacy for this council than approving a highway we simply don't need.

Thank you for reading my note and thank you for supporting a future without the 413 highway.

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