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Subject: [External] GTA WEST CORRIDOR/HWY 413

Mayor Bevilaqua & Council Members,

I am writing again to you as my Councillors to

- 1) Bring forward and unanimously VOTE YES to the motion to oppose the endorsement for the proposed GTA West Corridor/Hwy 413, similar to the motion passed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 2, 2021
- 2) That council bring forward and VOTE YES to a motion that supports the request for a Federal Environmental Assessment.

We have many more residents of Vaughan that are becoming aware of the negative implications of building Hwy 413. In building this Hwy 413, our Greenbelt would see a giant asphalt corridor run near or right through sensitive natural environment. In addition, the proposed Hwy 413; would not alleviate existing congestion, but will in fact induce greater traffic.

The Provincial Government's decision to fast track a project that will have devastating consequences on our quality of life, climate change, watersheds, local ecosystems and the environment in general.

Building a highway across these valuable lands goes against everything the Province has done over the past two decades to protect the environment and against the City's position with respect to declaring an environmental emergency and the need for environmentally friendly growth.

As our elected City Councillors, you have an obligation to be fully and correctly informed in order to properly represent your constituents, which includes us, our youth and the future residents of Vaughan. To do so, you must ensure that the Provincial Government conducts independent environmental and business assessments and proceeds with the right solutions. Until then, the only appropriate action is to not endorse the Province's desire to build Hwy 413. Why is the 407 being under used? Why can't that be a solution for transport trucks? We know this Hwy 413 will not cost 6 Billion but rather close to 20 Billion.

In closing, the citizens of Vaughan want council to bring forward and vote yes to a motion that supports the request for a Federal Environmental Assessment and For council to unanimously vote yes to the motion to reverse endorsement for the proposed GTA West Corridor/Hwy413 Thank you

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