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**To:** Regional Clerk <ClerkGeneralLine@york.ca>; Emmerson, Wayne <Wayne.Emmerson@york.ca>; tom <tom@mrakas.ca>

**Subject:** Highway 413

I am writing to urge the York Region council to support a full federal environmental assessment (EA) for Highway 413 and its evil twin, the Bradford Bypass, which will bulldoze straight through the Holland Marsh.

I have been a resident of York Region for over 30 years; first in Richmond Hill and now in Aurora. I am a retired resident and active community volunteer who is passionate about preserving the environment for future generations.

Highway 413 will cross rivers and water courses 85 times, it will destroy 400 acres of the Greenbelt, lead to more urban sprawl, increase greenhouse gas emissions when many of York Region's municipalities have declared a Climate Emergency, harm our health with more air pollution, and cost provincial taxpayers \$6 billion.

A provincial environmental assessment is not enough. The provincial government cannot be trusted. They have already stripped major sections out of the Highway's EA and changed the rules to allow construction to begin before the EA is even completed, so we need a federal EA to help determine the full impacts of these highways.

I urge the council to move a motion to oppose Highway 413, and vote to support a full Federal Environmental Assessment for both highways, so that no works can begin until we know all the facts about their environmental impacts.

Respectfully yours,

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Aurora, ON