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**Sent:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 6:50 PM  
**To:** Regional Clerk <ClerkGeneralLine@york.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Committee of the Whole & Your Opposition for Highway 413

See below sent to council members.

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**From:** Mario Paura  
**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 6:13 AM  
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**Subject:** Committee of the Whole & Your Opposition for Highway 413

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

- I currently am, and have been a Kleinburg Resident for 20 years (and a Vaughan Resident for nearly 30 years)
- **As a resident of Vaughan, please:**
  - **reaffirm your motion and vote yes to reverse endorsement for the GTA West Corridor/Highway 413 as was done at the Committee of the Whole Meeting Mar 2nd; and,**
  - **pass a motion to support the request for a federal Environmental Assessment.**
- I would like you to reaffirm your position to not support the Highway without normal environmental assessments for the following reasons and the material, adverse and negative impact on our community:
  - Pave over important farmland which feeds our city and fuels our economy
  - Pave approximately 400 acres of protected Greenbelt lands, mostly in Vaughan
  - Bulldoze right through the Nashville Conservation Area
  - Destroy important forests in Vaughan including a 1.5 km stretch around the twin valleys of the Humber and East Humber Rivers
  - Undermine [Vaughan's 2019 climate emergency](#) declaration by increasing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle traffic and reducing climate resilience
  - Create more local air pollution from vehicle traffic
  
  - Vaughan residents have sent thousands of emails sent and hundreds of calls made to local elected officials already expressing opposing Highway 413
  - There are viable alternatives to this highway which need to be considered by the Province, including prioritizing goods movement on the 407, and improving transit - these alternatives would be much better for Vaughan
  - The [expert advisory panel report](#) which led to the cancellation of this highway in 2018 outlined a number of reasons that the highway is not a good option to move people in the GTA West Region, and has been largely ignored

- Mississauga, Halton Region, Orangeville, Halton Hills and Halton Region have all chosen to oppose Highway 413 based on local opposition.
- A federal Environmental Assessment is necessary because the Province has proposed weakening their EA process for this highway so that construction could begin before the EA has even been completed

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,  
Mario Paura