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Subject: York Region Council Meeting March 18, 2021

Good evening

Please see attached my letter of opposition to the proposed to the 413. I would like this letter to be presented to regional council as I cannot give a live deputation. Please ensure this attached letter forms part of the official dialogue / minutes for the council meeting scheduled on March 18, 2021

Thanks

Bruno Malfara

March 15, 2021

Dear Regional Council Members of York, my name is Bruno Malfara and I'm a concern resident of Kleinburg, Ontario. I would like this letter to form part of the official minutes for the council meeting on March 18, 2021 – Let it be noted I'm in opposition to the construction of the Highway 413

I'm writing to you to once again to ask you to reverse your support for the proposed 413. I'm also asking that you bring forth a motion to support a Federal EA. I would also like you to withdraw support for the Bradford Bypass

The proposed 413 will have a negative impact on Vaughan and neighboring municipalities

- Destruction of prime farm land
- Destruction of very sensitive greenbelt
- Destruction of wildlife that call the wetlands and greenbelt home
- The polluting of our drinking water
- Damaging to the natural flood controls
- It will create more traffic – Induced demand
- You will create more urban sprawl
- This is a Highway to nowhere and will cause gridlock at the entry and exit points
- The real Highway Costs will be astronomical (see attached)

Folks, the Regions of Peel, Halton Hills, The City of Mississauga, City of Toronto, City of Vaughan have all agreed not to support the 413. You should also withdraw your support for the 413. To the Vaughan Regional councilors, this road will not benefit the citizens of Vaughan it will only benefit a few developers. You four (Mr. Bevilacqua, Mr. Rosati, Mr. Ferri and Ms. Jackson) were voted into power by Vaughan Citizens not York Region. At the most recent Vaughan council meeting the vote was very clear. The citizens of Vaughan do not want this highway. You sit on York Regional Council to represent (firstly) the interests of Vaughan citizens and secondly the Region of York.

You folks have the opportunity to be real leaders and build a great smart region. With more intensification – smart services – smart homes – smart public transit. Look at what great cities like Paris, France and London, England are doing. Stop the urban sprawl and promote intensification. Let's not forget, intensification will also help spread costs of developing and maintaining the region.

Intensification will promote efficiency for the taxpayer and the citizens.

Focusing on cost (see below) The Provincial government would like us to believe that the overall cost of constructing the 413 is \$6 Billion dollars. Folks this is not true, please see below an estimate (As you can appreciate the author of this estimate works within the infrastructure industry and for obvious reasons cannot be named)

1 Major Interchanges \$368M

2 Medium Interchanges \$110M

3 Minor Interchanges \$59M

4 Hwy at Grade 6 lanes \$4,014M

5 Special Deep Structures \$13M

6 Demolition and Removals \$26M

7 Utilities relocations and protective structures \$13M

8 Hazmat material, contaminated soil mitigation and ground water treatments \$67M

9 Environmental mitigation \$131M

10 Streetscape/Landscaping \$92M

11 Road Works \$26M

12 Traffic Management allowance \$66M

13 Systems \$816M

Total Direct Cost: \$5,802M

15 Project Co Engineering-Design (5%) \$292M

16 Project Co Contingency (25%) \$1,532M

17 Finance Charges (5% to 7%) (P3 Contract Delivery-Assumed 5 years) \$796M

Total Construction Cost: \$8,421M

18 Owner's Project Development Costs (5%) based on project total cost \$423M

19 Program Contingency (15%) based on project total cost \$1,268M

20 Easements, Property Acquisition & Legal Fees (3 %) \$254M

21 Non-Recoverable HST (1.76%) \$149M

TOTAL: 10,514M

22 Escalation (Assume construction 7 years from 01/2023 to 12/2030) \$1,029M

TOTAL Project Cost Including Escalation: 11,543M

We also had a second source provide costing and it was estimated at almost **\$13 Billion**.

A third from, a professional, who works for a major infrastructure engineering firm; he said it would be more than **\$16 billion dollars**

Folks this is a long way from the \$6 Billion the province has budgeted. With such a vast difference in cost I believe it is your responsibility as our elected officials to question the spend. Please perform your fiduciary duty / your responsibility and ask for an independent / non biased third party to analyze and prepare an independent cost summary. I'm very confident the third party quantity surveyor / estimators will be very close to the costing provided above. The citizens / taxpayers of York Region deserve to know. How can you support such a project without truly knowing the cost? Cost that will be placed on taxpayers shoulders!!! Please take a moment and think how else \$16 billion can be spend to provide immediate traffic relief? I would like to point you to the report issued by a panel of experts – see below <https://web.archive.org/web/20190618163558/http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/publications/gta-west-report/executive-summary.shtml#conc>

Please do the right thing. Do not support the 413

I have also added a few links for your reading pleasure

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/28/business/heidelberg-cars-environment.amp.html>

[Study finds Toronto rivers and watershed contaminated with road salt — even in summer | The Star](#)

[GTA West highway is dying a slow death. Ford government should put it out of its misery | The Star](#)

https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/editorials/article-fifty-years-ago-bill-davis-killed-the-spadina-expressway-doug-ford/?fbclid=IwAR1QrPL5p3V6Bm0mTc6D5Qzo69hHall1wHx_W4FCobdeeDahZ-Tzf3tp-nl

Thanks

Bruno Malfara