

York Regional Council  
c/o Regional Clerk  
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March 17, 2021

**RE: Agenda Item F.4.1 --Council Meeting of March 18, 2021  
Bradford Bypass Project: Regional Response to the IAA of Canada**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

The Ontario Headwaters Institute is a charity working to protect the province's watersheds, their natural heritage, and our receiving waters such as Lake Simcoe and the Great Lakes.

We supported the application to the federal minister to designate the Bradford Bypass as a project needing a federal impact assessment, primarily based on a 23-year old environmental assessment and inadequate consultation.

In contrast to the kaleidoscope of significant issues that have emerged over the last quarter century, the staff report for your consideration presents a black and white snap shot stubbornly repeating out-of-date dogma while ignoring the fundamental issues in our submission to the minister: the need to shift to a low-carbon economy, protect biodiversity & agriculture, vision & build sustainable communities, protect public health & local economies, and conduct robust & inclusive consultation.

We urge you to reject the recommendations before you and instead support the request for a fulsome federal impact assessment of the Bradford Bypass.

Sincerely,

*Andrew McCammon*

Executive Director