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Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 11:53 AM

To: Regional Clerk <ClerkGeneralLine@york.ca>

Subject: Re: Special Meeting of York Regional Council to consider Highway 413, March 18, 2021

To All Members of York Regional Council,

Re: Consideration of the construction of Highway 413 - Please reject this poorly thought out and researched proposal for the sake of what is ahead with global warming crisis

Simply put I ask for you to reject the proposal of the construction of Highway 413 East-West Corridor.

Environmental and feasibility studies found this highway to be impossible to approve. Creating a new environmental assessment process that is meaningless is a tragedy that York Region will regret for its lack of real vision. I challenge you to be innovative for the 21st century...look at public transportation for the common good instead and put 407 to better use.

We are still going through the devastating effects on everyone with Covid and this report does nothing to address the longlasting effects of climate change, affecting our world already, for which there is no vaccine.

Moving our agricultural land ever northwards denies the reality that York Region abutts the Canadian Shield which does not give us enough agricultural land to sustain the current or proposed population. Canada is unique in that we have only a minute strip of agricultural land across our vast country. Ontario has paved over most of that valuable land already with all the web of 400 highways. We cannot survive yet another mega highway if we are to be sustainable. WHERE do you think we are going to be able to be self-reliant on growing our own food, something that has never become more necessary than during the Covid pandemic and with an eye to the future of global warming.

Water is critical and messing with the dozens of critical waterways and natural heritage lands, that this highway would do, is a strategy that is totally out-of-date....past....backward thinking, if York Region considers the best interest of its people and natural systems. All the remaining natural systems must NOT be continually whittled into oblivion for the future of what we already face with climate change.

Please reject this unnecessary proposal of the 413.

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