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RE: Resolution from Mayor Lovatt, re: York Region Upper York Sewerage Solution Plan

Please be advised the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on February 16, 2021 and the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS York Region Upper York Sewerage Solution (UYSS) plan which was proposed more than 10 years ago will support the growth of over 150,000 people in the Towns of East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora; and

WHEREAS establishment of a new sewer treatment plant on the Lake Simcoe watershed requires an environmental assessment according to the Province's Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (2009), and an environment assessment study was completed by York Region in 2014; and

WHEREAS Lake Simcoe is an inland lake that has 11.6 cubic kilometers of water volume, only 0.71% of that of Lake Ontario, which is limited in self purification capacity and thus unable to absorb sewer overflow in case it happens during high-flow events; and

WHEREAS municipalities and communities rely on Lake Simcoe as a drinking water source; and

WHEREAS the Town of Georgina and the Chippewas of Georgia Island have expressed grave concerns and/or strongly oppose to the proposed UYSS; and

WHEREAS the Minister of the Environment notified the Region of York on July 17, 2020 suggesting a southern route connecting the sewer with Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant in Pickering as an alternative to the proposed UYSS; and

WHEREAS the Region of York has chosen to continue with the proposed UYSS while remaining open to considering the Province's proposed southern route as an alternative; and

WHEREAS a continued planning for growth with the uncertainty of either the UYSS or the southern route could significantly impact future growth of the Region and adversely affect the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.



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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request the Province to officially refuse the UYSS Environmental Assessment; and

THAT Council request the Province of Ontario to immediately start the planning and design of the southern route including necessary improvement of the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant in Pickering; and

THAT Council direct the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Premier Doug Ford, MPP, Hon. Paul Calandra, MPP, Hon. Caroline Mulroney, MPP, Hon. Jeff Yurek, and the York Region area municipalities.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Soolepp', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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cc. Honourable Paul Calandra, MPP
Honourable Caroline Mulroney, MPP
Honourable Jeff Yurek, MPP
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Town of Aurora
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Town of Georgina
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