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The Honourable Doug Ford  
Premier of Ontario  
Premier's Office, Room 281  
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Dear Premier:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of March 30, 2021**  
**Re: Motion 9.1 – Councillor Gaertner; Re: Highway 413**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on March 30, 2021, and in this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas the proposed GTA West Transportation Corridor, Highway 413, originated as a component of the 2005 *Places to Grow Act* that set out population, density and growth targets for municipalities, while aiming to direct growth away from agricultural and environmentally sensitive lands; and**

**Whereas the proposed highway will pave over 2,000 hectares of land including important agricultural and environmental lands contrary to mandate of that Act; and**

**Whereas in July 2020 the Province's omnibus Bill 197 removed many environmental regulations and opened a "streamlined" environmental assessment process, skipping over parts of Ontario's assessment system and removing the requirement for a comprehensive environmental assessment; and**

**Whereas City of Vaughan and City of Mississauga Councils have withdrawn their long-standing support because it would have a disastrous impact on the environment; and**

**Whereas no comprehensive environmental assessment has been done to date to address the above;**

- 1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved that Town of Aurora join the municipalities of Brampton and Caledon to pass a motion requesting a Federal impact assessment and a climate lens assessment of the proposed route and that further work on Highway 413 be placed on hold until this is completed; and**
- 2. Be It Further Resolved That this motion be sent to Premier Doug Ford, Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Paul Calandra, Government House Leader, Christine Elliott, MPP, Michael Parsa, MPP, the Regional Municipalities of York and Halton, and all Greater Toronto Area Municipalities.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours sincerely,



Michael de Rond  
Town Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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Copy: Hon. Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation  
Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
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