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**To:** Regional Clerk  
**Subject:** 2051 Forecast & Land Needs Assessment - Sept 16, 2021

Respected Members of York Region Council:

As the local Councillor for Ward 1, Maple & Kleinburg, I am providing my general comments regarding the scenarios provided by staff.

Please note that your staff report states that Vaughan Council endorsed the draft forecast. That is fundamentally false. **Vaughan Council did not support the draft forecast, Council simply received it for information.**

I and my residents, are completely opposed to consuming all the provincially identified prime farmland for development. The whitebelt lands left in Vaughan are nowhere near any public transit such as the VMC or Yonge/Steeles subway.

This area is forecasted for development by the Region yet transit infrastructure is wholly dependent on whether or not the #413 moves forward. What if the #413 no longer proceeds? What happens to the proposed development for the area? Can the Region afford to build it?

Quite frankly, the Region has failed in providing YRT services to this area being Kleinburg. The build-out of new Kleinburg has over 3,000 homes and no public transit either from YRT or Metrolinx.

The information provided by your staff concludes that the Region has no money to build the necessary infrastructure to service the growth plan and is heavily relying on funding from other levels of government.

It is highly irresponsible to be planning future growth on such a premise. This is like me planning to buy a home premised on the inheritance I will someday receive from my living parents which of course is ludicrous.

What bothers me most about all this, is why the Region did not push back on the Province with these growth numbers. You are fully aware of your huge financial debt load and you know that it will impact the services needed to accommodate the mandated growth. The Region has a fiduciary duty to have told the Province that it could not afford such growth.

An example of this is the fact that Region staff came to Vaughan Council in June 2011 asking that we "unfreeze" some whitebelt lands that we had put on hold to better determine the actual population #'s from the VMC.

Region staff stated that they desperately needed the DCs from these two blocks of whitebelt lands and basically forced us to unfreeze the lands.

Ten years later, the Region has yet to put one cent into the infrastructure to allow for development in these two blocks and as per staff's presentation to us in May of this year, they have no money for such infrastructure for another 10 years. What was the rush for DCs by the Region in 2011 if it needed to wait 20 years to finance the necessary infrastructure?

In conclusion, I suggest that you take a step back and look at ways and means of supporting manageable growth, not what is being proposed.

I can understand the need to perhaps use some whitebelt lands but certainly not every last hectare in Ward 1 as this would be giving away Vaughan's future.

In the interim, York Region should be seriously considering adding costs for the two approved GO Stations, being Kirby and Mulock onto the DC schedule in order to better serve any future growth.

It is time that the Region of York stands up for its residents and its future.

Kind regards,

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