

**From:** Daniela P  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2021 7:05 PM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors <[MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca](mailto:MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca)>  
**Cc:** Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>  
**Subject:** Option #3

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Hello Mayor Scarpitti and Markham Council

I am writing to you to ask that you reject Option #3 which Metrolinx presented to the Royal Orchard Community some time ago. ... when a 'decision' was made without community input.

The Royal Orchard community is not opposing the Yonge North Subway Line. What we are opposing is s subway line that runs under our community ... especially under ANY homes.

We moved to this area over 30 years ago, and like many people in our neighbourhood, we appreciate this older, mature area. We rsised 3 kids here and plan to retire here. Concerns of damage to foundations and vibrations to homes are very real to everyone. Noise pollution, and subway vents are real. No one can guarantee these concerns are not real. Words like 'minimized' and 'within limits' have been shared with us.

Eyes were rolled.

Would ANY of you approve this for your own home, your own neighbourhood, for your parents, your kids.... so that tunnels are drilled under your own home or the homes of your friends or loved ones?

There are other options. ...Option 1, 1A or Option 2.

We urge you to reject Option #3. We urge you to support your residents.

Thank you  
Daniela Provenzano

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**From:** NEOMAL JAYASEKERA

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2021 7:05 PM

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**Cc:** Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: THE ALIGNMENT OF THE YONGE NORTH SUBWAY EXTENSION (5.14)

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Hi,

I write with reference to the above subject matter and would like to support the motion introduced by Keith Irish to stop the Yonge North subway extension going thru residential neighborhood of Royal Orchard Street. Please take a moment to review his proposal and encourage other Councillor's to support the same. The subway extension should be going underground along the Yonge street corridor and not through the residential streets which will create undue noise and disruption to our regular life. We opted to live outside of the city limits is to enjoy the peace and quite that this neighborhood offers.

Thank You.

Regards  
(Thornhill Resident)

**From:** John Craig  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2021 7:57 PM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors <[MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca](mailto:MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca)>  
**Cc:** Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>  
**Subject:** Stop Subway Option # 3

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I am writing to urge Council to reject Metrolinx Option 3 for the Subway north extension. Original plans for a subway line following Yonge Street will help keep the integrity of our community intact. Tunneling under our homes is not a reasonable alternative to tunneling under Yonge Street. Don't let developers dictate the subway's course at the expense of residents who have spent decades building families and a community of taxpaying citizens.

John Craig

From: Carolyn  
Sent: June 1, 2021 7:26 PM  
To: [mayorandcouncillors@markham.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncillors@markham.ca)  
Subject: June 7 motion

To all elected officials on Markham City Council:

I have written to many members of the City Council and Mayor Scarpitti (on many occasions, without response from the Mayor, I must add), as well as every elected official and/head of developments, transit, health, transportation, environment, at all levels of governments, and even The Catholic Church. Learning my neighbourhood was at risk, by surprise, in March of 2021, was, and remains, gut wrenching.

Please reject Option 3 for the North Yonge Subway Expansion.

It is totally unnecessary and illogical to divert off Yonge and toss away a 20 year expectation of a subway right up Yonge.

We were promised a subway, right up Yonge, for YEARS, and the announcement that it was going to be a reality was made by the premier and Mayor Scarpitti as recently as 2019.

Do NOT sacrifice the Royal Orchard Neighbourhood for the unknown future of York Region residents and employers. Reject the redundant and absurd option that puts two above ground stations a mere 400 metres apart at the expense of a well established and mature neighbourhood. The cost for this plan also comes without any real expectation for a subway station between Steeles and Hwy 407! If it wasn't so dangerous, this plan would be laughable.

We have paid our taxes for decades. Many long time Thornhill residents made their home here for successive generations. The risk of grave harm to our community is not worth the speculative benefits that Option 3 might bring.

I don't want my tax dollars to be wasted on this plan.

I will not vote for ANY elected official who supports this plan.

Please, do not interfere with my home, my community, my mental, physical and financial health.

Reject Option #3.

If you do not outright reject Option 3 then I implore you to implement an ICBL, pursuant to Section 38(1) of The Planning Act so that the Municipality can take the time to re-consider and, perhaps, re-think its land use policies, and to suspend development that could conflict with any new policy. We deserve to be involved in the discussion. This proposed Option 3 has been developed behind our backs, without transparency, without meaningful consultation. Let us see and feel that we have been considered in the process. We have ideas and have other options too. Let's talk about it, together, instead of having us suffer the indignity of Metrolinx shoving their 'plans' down our throats!

This proposed subway route offers no benefit, immediately, directly or indirectly for OUR neighbourhood. We can ALL benefit from the original route - straight up the Yonge Street commercial corridor, which has been groomed and has expected that route for about 20 years.

Respectfully,

Carolyn MacDonald

From: **Gael robertson-craig**  
Date: Tue, Jun 1, 2021 at 7:36 PM  
Subject: Stop subway option #3  
To: <[mayorandcouncillors@markham.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncillors@markham.ca)>

As a resident of the Royal Orchard Community I was excited to learn that the North extension up Yonge street would improve accessibility for residents. I was very upset to learn that Metrolinx had arbitrarily rejected 2 options and switched to a 3rd option that saw the subway moving beneath our homes, schools and churches.

Please vote against Option #3 during your meeting on June 7th.

Thank you.

Gael Robertson-Craig

**From:** Kan Zhang

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2021 11:27 PM

**To:** Mayor & Councillors <[MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca](mailto:MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca)>; Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>

**Subject:** Reject Metrolinx option 3 alignment of the YNSE

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Dear Councillor,

As a long time resident of Thornhill Community, I am aware of the Metrolinx plan to tunnel under people's homes in the Royal Orchard neighbourhood to build the Yonge North subway extension. I am very concerned about all of the short and long term impacts resulting from this plan, including noise, vibration, environmental impacts and long-term costs. Also, the homes being affected will certainly be negatively affected.

YNSE must provide benefits to existing residents as well as meet future projected demands. It must be done correctly, with proper planning and input from communities. Please reject Metrolinx Option 3 alignment of the YNSE! The Yonge north subway extension should be and must be kept on the Yonge Street corridor as originally planned.

I urge you to vote to reject Metrolinx Option 3.

Thank you,  
Kan Zhang

**From:** Farzad

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 01, 2021 8:47 PM

**To:** Mayor & Councillors <[MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca](mailto:MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca)>; Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>

**Subject:** Stop subway Option 3

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Greetings,

Further to the subject this option is putting our children commute in danger and is NOT acceptable.

Thank you,

Farzad Tooryani



From: Bill Antonacci  
Sent: June 2, 2021 8:30 AM  
To: Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>  
Cc: Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>  
Subject: Reject option 3

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Hello,  
Please support Councillor Keith Irish and reject Metrolinx Option 3.  
There is another option that makes much more sense. Do the right thing now!  
Thank you,  
Bill and Debbie Antonacci

**From:** Joe Amodeo  
**Sent:** June 2, 2021 8:32 AM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>  
**Cc:** Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>  
**Subject:** 3rd Option

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Hello.....

I live in the Royal Orchard area since 1972. I've eagerly awaited the subway to Thornhill and beyond for years. But never did I imagine that it would tunnel underneath our home. I'm opposed to the subway not following Yonge St and going beneath our homes.

Joe Amodeo.....

**From:** GORDON PATTERSON  
**To:** Keith Irish <[kirish@markham.ca](mailto:kirish@markham.ca)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021, 10:06:45 a.m. EDT  
**Subject:** Subway Extension

Keith

We want to thank you for all you are doing to stop this crazy plan to build the Subway under our homes.

We have lived at 55 Colonsay for nearly 48 wonderful years and hate the thought of what is ahead if this plan goes through.

The Allan Expressway was stopped by the people and hopefully our concerns will be heard!

Many thanks Louise and Gordon Patterson

From: Norine Thomason  
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 10:29 AM  
To: Mayor & Councillors <[MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca](mailto:MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca)>  
Cc: Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>  
Subject: The alignment of the Yonge North Subway Extension

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Mayor and councillors,  
Please SUPPORT Councillor Irish's motion!!!

NATURE: Why would anyone want to destroy a beautiful 50 year old subdivision!!!!?  
We have a beautiful park and many 50-60 year old trees. I invite you to take a drive through our subdivision and walk along the creek in the Royal Orchard Park.

SAFETY: There are 3 public schools in this subdivision. Woodlands P.S., Baythorn P.S., and St. Anthony's P.S. There are over 1000 students going to and from these schools each day. I can't begin to imagine the safety problems with all the big machinery on these streets with these children trying to get to and from these schools. These are all small streets with twists and turns. How is all the machinery going to get where this subway is coming out of the ground? How is all this machinery going to get around all these narrow streets. Where is all this machinery going to be stored?? Just look at the very large equipment being used at other subway developments.

COST: On one of the Metrolinx meetings they admitted it now isn't all about costs!! And yet, this was their initial reason for putting it under homes.

ALTERNATIVES: There are two other really good options that go right up Yonge Street. These roads can accommodate LARGE equipment, safely. These are the only ones that should be considered.

Thank you.  
Norine Thomason

From: (null) NEUTS  
Sent: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 12:09 PM  
To: Mayor & Councillors <[MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca](mailto:MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca)>  
Cc: Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>  
Subject: Support Keith Irish

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Vote no to option 3. You wouldn't want the subway to run under your home and neither do we!  
Thank you.  
Eileen Neuts

Sent from my iPad

**From:** d.g.russell@rogers.com  
**Sent:** June 3, 2021 6:11 PM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>  
**Cc:** Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>  
**Subject:** Development Services Committee Meeting - June 7, 2021

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Dear Council Members:

I am writing to request that you strongly support the motion in relation to the alignment of the Yonge North Subway Extension contained in item 9.3 of the Agenda for the Development Services Committee meeting on June 7, 2021.

I have followed this issue closely since the Option 3 re-routing was first introduced by Metrolinx a few months ago. Surprisingly, it was simultaneously identified as the preferred route and, in fact, the only option currently under consideration. One would have thought that such a significant change to long established plans for a Yonge Street alignment would have been accompanied by thorough research and analysis that would make it plain to all that Option 3 is clearly a better idea.

Unfortunately, Metrolinx has fallen way short of providing a convincing business case for Option 3. In various virtual town halls and Council meetings, solid answers to very legitimate questions have not been forthcoming. A common explanation for their vague or non-responses has been that they are only at the very early stages of their initial business case analysis. This answer alone demonstrates Metrolinx's lack of good faith and, as such, their assertions and recommendations cannot be relied upon. Essentially, the message from Metrolinx is, "We've identified the best solution, and now we're working very hard to understand the problem."

Perhaps the most blatant example of light-weight planning is when asked what the impact of the sacrifice of 2,000 Langstaff power corridor parking spaces under Option 3 would be on local traffic, subway access and greenhouse gas emissions, Metrolinx admitted that they hadn't considered this and would have to look at it.

Please say NO to ill-thought-out Option 3 by saying YES to the motion in agenda item 9.3.

Respectfully submitted,  
Don Russell

**From:** Carol Takagi  
**Sent:** June 2, 2021 4:03 PM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>  
**Cc:** Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>  
**Subject:** Yonge North Subway Extension Alignment

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June 2, 2021

Dear Members of Markham Council,

RE: Yonge North Subway Extension Alignment

I fully support the extension of the subway into York Region but am strongly opposed to Option 3. Option 3 will tunnel under an existing, well established neighborhood that we have been a part of for more than 30 years. Two other options as proposed in the Metrolinx Business Case would keep the subway extension under Yonge Street, without interfering with people in their current homes and meets the goal of sound practices in transit planning.

Until March 2021, no one in this community was aware that the subway extension plans had changed from the original subway extension proposal in 2009. We were shocked when we were told by Metrolinx that a new preferred route was decided upon, without any consultation with the community. The Metrolinx "preferred option 3" would mean tunneling under existing homes without any guarantees that sound and vibrations would be zero. It has been stated multiple times by Metrolinx, that they would do what they *could* to **limit** the amount of noise and vibration. Once a subway is built, if there is sound and vibrations felt, there is no solution. It is too late.

Transit is built for communities. A community should be served by transit and our community should benefit from the subway extension north. How could the Metrolinx preferred route Option 3 tunnelling beneath homes without knowing **if it will impact** the homeowners, with no guarantee for easy access to a subway stop and with two stations built within 400m of each other be acceptable to anyone? Eliminate High Tech Station, build the Bridge Station underground and ensure that the neighborhoods north of Steeles are served well by the subway extension, with stations that support their neighborhoods along the subway route. Metrolinx should be supporting getting people out of cars and onto transit. This cannot be accomplished with supporting Option 3. Option 3 is designed for one future community of condos, instead of communities of many.

Metrolinx insists on referring to their engagement with the community as consultative. They have in no way consulted with this community. They have TOLD the community what they are doing, asked for questions but don't answer them, do not reply in a timely way, and have not provided examples or information from any other transit project that would help to alleviate any concerns of this community.

In fact, they can't, because this project is unprecedented. We are confident that noise and vibrations will be felt in this community and homes will be expropriated for the project and in the end we will still not have access to a subway station without driving to it. This is not transit friendly planning, it is not smart planning or beneficial to existing neighborhoods north of Steeles.

Phil Verster of Metrolinx has said that funding for any of the options is not the issue, and he has also said that Options 1 and 2 are not "off the table" for discussion, as they are very appropriate choices. As Councillors for the City of Markham, and as a resident of Markham, I request that you do the right thing for your current constituents and reject Option 3.

Thank you.

Carol Takagi



**From:** Madi S

**Sent:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:35 PM

**To:** Mayor & Councillors <[MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca](mailto:MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca)>

**Cc:** Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>; Stop Subway Option 3 <[stopsubwayoption3@gmail.com](mailto:stopsubwayoption3@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** re: Stop Subway under our Homes

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Dear Decision Maker

I am aware of the Metrolinx plan to tunnel under zones of homes in the Royal Orchard neighbourhood to build the Yonge North subway extension. I am very concerned about all of the short and long term impacts resulting from this plan, including noise, vibration, environmental impacts and long-term costs. Also, the homes being affected will certainly be negatively affected. Please reject this plan before it is too late!

The lasting legacy of "Option 3" subway extension will not prove something to be proud of. Please select a better option.

Thank you

Iemima Elefteratos & Petru Florin Caracuda

**From:** Jack Le  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 2, 2021 2:19 PM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors <MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca>  
**Cc:** Clerks Public <clerkspublic@markham.ca>  
**Subject:** Reject option 3 alignment of Yonge north subway extension

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Dear Mayor Scarpitti and Members of Council,

My name is Jack Le. I will be residing at \_\_\_\_\_, City of Markham.

I understand that Council will be considering a motion made by Councillor Irish at the June 7th meeting to reject Metrolinx's Option 3 alignment of the YNSE, and pursue Options 1 and 2.

I am writing to give my support to Councillor Irish's motion. I urge Council to demand that Metrolinx reject Option 3, which will detrimentally impact the Markham community, especially the Royal Orchard neighbourhood.

At Metrolinx's virtual public meeting, the representatives indicated that Options 1 and 2 are viable options, but wants to adopt Option 3 because it allows for an extra station under the current funding envelope. Do the benefits from that one extra station justify the destruction that will be caused to the Royal Orchard neighbourhood and the Markham community? Does that one extra station justify the years and years of suffering by many residents caused by the subway construction under their homes, potential damages to their homes, and the expropriation process? Does that one extra station justify permanent suffering by many residents caused by noise and vibrations from the subways running under and in close proximity to people's homes?

If Metrolinx decides to build a subway, please build it properly and consider the long-term impacts on residents. The subway needs to stick on Yonge Street and not running under people's homes. I strongly urge Council to approve Councillor Irish's motion to reject Option 3 and pursue Options 1 and 2.

Best regards,  
Jack Le

**From:** Alice Young

**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2021 4:44 PM

**To:** Mayor & Councillors <[MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca](mailto:MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca)>

**Cc:** Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>

**Subject:** Submission to Support Councillor Irish' Motion re: Yonge North Subway Extension

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Please find attached my written submission in support of Councillor Irish's Motion re: Alignment of the Yonge North Subway Extension (item 9.3). Thank you in advance for your attention and consideration. For ease of reading, I have also included my submission in the body of this email:

I am writing to ask you to support Councillor Irish's Motion regarding the alignment of the Yonge North Subway Extension.

As residents of the Royal Orchard community, my family and I have looked forward to the Yonge North Subway Extension for years. We fully support the original approved plan and Environmental Assessment endorsed by the Province in 2009. This original plan reflects extensive public consultations and thoughtful consideration of the current and future needs of **all** communities in York Region.

Metrolinx's Option 3 is divisive, untested and pits communities against each other: the interests of the Royal Orchard community versus those of the proposed Langstaff Gateway community and the sensitivities of the Catholic Church. It is even more concerning that Metrolinx's Option 3 yields the least benefits in terms of ridership and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

The building of a subway is a generational opportunity that should not be squandered. Options 1 and 2 would add "strategic value" to the proposed Langstaff Gateway development without inflicting a legacy of toxic pollution, increased noise and vibration to the Royal Orchard community.

My family and I ask Markham Council to honour and retain the original plan for the Yonge North Subway Extension by supporting Councillor Irish's Motion.

Alice Young and Jason Tung

**From:** Marilyn Helcoe  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 03, 2021 9:48 PM  
**To:** Mayor & Councillors <[MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca](mailto:MayorAndCouncillors@markham.ca)>  
**Cc:** Clerks Public <[clerkspublic@markham.ca](mailto:clerkspublic@markham.ca)>  
**Subject:** Markham Council meeting to reject Metrolinx Option3.

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Dear Mayor and Councillors;

My husband and I have lived on Thorny Brae Drive for 36 years. We raised our son in the Royal Orchard Community and have loved the area.

Over the years we have been very pleased with the care that the local government has taken to maintain the beauty of this area. The maintenance of the streets, parks and pedestrian walkway improvements has been wonderful. As well the flood control measures in the nearby ravine and Pomona Creek have added to our enjoyment of the natural beauty of the area.

Like most neighbours in the Royal Orchard community we were very pleased to hear that transportation would be improving on Yonge Street with a subway extension. An early map showing the proposed route for Option 3 indicates that the tunnelling could pass directly under our home as well as the home of our neighbours. You can imagine how shocked we were to see this turn of events. It is our hope that we are not being abandoned by the very Council that we have supported for all these years.

There are two other options that have been proposed that use a direct route north on Yonge Street. My plea is that Markham Council will very seriously consider their responsibility to the residents and natural environment of this area that you have represented so well in the past.

Please remember us when you vote and choose to oppose the Option 3 proposed by Metrolinx.  
Thank you,  
Sincerely  
Marilyn Helcoe and Ed Helcoe