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**Subject:** FW: Support for motion by RC Jones to object to GTA/413 Hwy  
**Attachments:** Support forMarkham objection to Hwy413.pdf

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**From:** Gloria Marsh  
**Sent:** December 8, 2021 9:39 AM  
**To:** Clerks Public  
**Subject:** Support for motion by RC Jones to object to GTA/413 Hwy

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To Mayor & Council, City of Markham

Please find letter attached from York Region Environmental Alliance supporting motion by RC Jones that Markham object to GTA/413 Hwy.

Sincerely  
Gloria Marsh, Executive Director  
York Region Environmental Alliance  
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Mayor & Council, City of Markham

RE: PLEASE SUPPORT MOTION BY RC JIM JONES THAT MARKHAM OBJECT TO GTA 413 HIGHWAY

York Region Environmental Alliance (YREA) strongly supports the motion by RC Jim Jones that Markham object to the GTA West/Hwy 413. YREA previously wrote [letters of concern](#) to municipalities in York Region regarding the contentious GTA West/Hwy 413. We do not understand what would motivate Markham to endorse this foolhardy project given that numerous municipalities along the proposed route do not sanction it while Markham is over 30 kms away with Hwy 407 right in its municipality.

It would make much more sense to lobby for reduced tolls on the existing, underused Hwy 407. Furthermore, the Auditor General of Ontario report, released on December 1, 2021 pointed out numerous flaws in the provincial land use planning policies including moving forward with the GTA West/Hwy 413 project. The Auditor referred to a lack of evidence based data to support the province's quest to grow the GTA and pave over much of the remaining whitebelt and agricultural lands.

In these troubling times, we need to take every measure possible to make sure development benefits the public good and the betterment of the environment, not just the profits of a few influencers. As RC Jim Jones has pointed out very well, the GTA/413 highway proposal would be seriously detrimental on so many fronts. The Auditor General of Ontario agrees. YREA asks Markham Council to support this motion.

Sincerely

Gloria Marsh, Executive Director  
York Region Environmental Alliance  
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**From:** Clerks Public  
**Subject:** FW: The proposed highway 413 project

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**From:** Stuart Cumner  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021 1:11 PM  
**To:** Regional Councillor, Jack Heath - Markham; Regional Councillor, Joe Li - Markham; Regional Councillor, Jim Jones - Markham; Councillor, Keith Irish - Markham; Councillor, Alan Ho - Markham; Councillor, Reid McAlpine - Markham; Councillor, Karen Rea - Markham; Councillor, Andrew Keyes - Markham; Councillor, Amanda Collucci - Markham; Councillor, Khalid Usman – Markham; Councillor, Isa Lee – Markham; Mayor Frank Scarpitti - Markham; Clerks Public; Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton – Markham  
**Subject:** The proposed highway 413 project

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Dear Councillors,

We are both writing to urge you to withdraw Markham's support for the construction of Highway 413, as motioned by Regional Councillor Jones and Councillor Usman. Environmentally, highway 403 is unsound, paving over forests, wetlands, farmlands and part of the greenbelt. This highway would run in a similar direction, just a few kilometres north, of the underutilized highway 407. Huge sums of money and precious farmland and countryside can be saved by more fully using highway 407 rather than building a new highway. A study suggested that very little commuting time would be saved by building this new road. Further, a presentation by the MTO to the Development Services Committee did not appear to provide good evidence for the building of highway 413 and the Auditor General reported that the 413 project was "disconnected from, or inconsistent with, land-use planning policies".

We ask you to please withdraw your support for the construction of this highway. Helping the environment and the economy should prevail in a case like this.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Cumner and Patricia Hektor

Thornhill

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**From:** Clerks Public  
**Subject:** FW: GTA West Corridor Motion

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**From:** Michelle  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 9, 2021 12:22 PM  
**To:** Clerks Public  
**Subject:** Fwd: GTA West Corridor Motion

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Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am writing in support of the GTA West Corridor Motion as presented by Councillor Jones.

This highway proposal is a mockery of the taxpayers' assets in all regions and fails to address the issues in a responsible and forward thinking manner given the critical nature of what is happening in Ontario.

Please vote to support the motion. I will be asking the Caledon Councillors to also look to the essence of this motion for their consideration.

Michelle Meandro  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Louisa Santoro

Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 1:32 PM

To: Clerks Public

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Subject: GTA WEST CORRIDOR MOTION

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Good afternoon my name is Louisa Santoro and I am a resident of York Region since 1981. When I found out that Hwy 413 will be running 450M behind my house, I said NO WAY!!!  
Even school children know that when you build a new highway, it will have traffics just like the others. They WILL NOT be miraculously empty. Only the 407 is empty!!! Who wants to pave over the best farmland in Ontario? Why are you taking away farmland, green spaces, nature, animals??? Yup it's only for the RICH DEVELOPERS!!! You are all suppose to be supporting and helping your constituents. SHAME ON YOU!!!  
Thank you Mr. Jones!!!

Louisa Santoro  
Resident of York Region

Sent from my iPhone