

Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers' Association

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To: Regional Municipality of York
16042 Woodbine Avenue
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Attn: Clerk
Cc: Regional Councillors

Re: GTA West Corridor Selection

The Kleinburg and Area Ratepayer's Association (KARA) recently reviewed a report from the City of Vaughan Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works to the Committee of the Whole on May 31st along with recent materials from the GTA West Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study.

In the Vaughan Engineering and Public Works report, it is noted that "the GTA West Corridor is expected to traverse the most intact and sensitive area of the Greenbelt in Vaughan".

KARA has questioned the GTA West EA Team conducting the study and understands that the parameters given to the team restricted them from looking any further north than the City of Vaughan for a suitable corridor. Therefore, no alternate route, north of the City has been evaluated for environmental or socio-economic impacts. We believe that there are alternate routes north of the study area which *might* prove to have less environmental impacts compared to the current chosen corridor and that a study is warranted to evaluate these alternatives. The eventual extension of the 427 North should also be of significant consideration in the evaluation of alternatives.

We are not asking that the route necessarily be changed, or that the current process be slowed in any way. We are requesting that the MTO be asked to examine possible alternatives and that the final route be chosen based on data from a comprehensive and complete study.

Without the study, it is impossible to state unequivocally that the best possible route has been chosen.

Sincerely,



Ken Schwenger
President, KARA