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Dear Council Members,

This is my second letter to you in so many weeks regarding the York Region Sewer Pipe that is being proposed be placed along 19th Avenue through a portion of the protected Oak Ridges Moraine Natural Linkage Area.

As indicated in my previous correspondence I would like to know why such a massive capital investment is being proposed?

It is almost a certainty that a pipe of the size and capacity being now considered [almost 6 ft in diameter]

would further promote urban sprawl for decades ahead!

It seems that such a massive pipe is being proposed because the Region is preparing for a massive INTENDED expansion of future development on either the Oak Ridges Moraine Lands and/or on the Greenbelt Lands.

Surely any proposal for a project of such magnitude that is so clearly intended to prepare the infrastructure needed for future development would in principle, if not in intent, be in violation of the Greenbelt legislation as well as other environmental legislation, both Regionally, Provincially and Nationally, since the project would result in ongoing transfers of water from one watershed to another. This is not only a violation of written law, it is a violation of "Natural Law" and would surely disrupt ecosystems both on and off the Moraine.

I believe that this is an ill-thought out plan since the Region is not taking into full consideration that the Province is proposing that most new development be directed toward already serviced (built-up) areas in a project of intensification that the "Places to Grow Act" recently passed by the Ontario Legislature is intended to address.

Not only should this pipe not be built to such capacity, having the route for the proposed pipe going through such a sensitive area requires much further study and much more public input.

I have previously requested a public meeting in the evening (one that ordinary citizens like myself, who works during the day, can attend), however, it seems that you have not taken this into consideration and intend to make you final decision on Thursday June 23rd at 9:30am at which time very few working people will be able to attend.

I repeat:

I am very much opposed to this pipe going in and would have liked to listen to council and their reasons for not only justifying the pipe but also in justifying the route by which it will take.

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