



## Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: February 21, 2024 – Ward 2

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**School/Location:** St. Rita Catholic School, 30 Summer Valley Drive

**Principal:** Jennnifer Viera

**Time(s):** 8:45 a.m. / 3:40 p.m.

**Phone:** 905.595.0911

**Weather:** Clear / Mild

**Requested By:** Steven Quartrone, Vice Principal..

**Nature of Problem:** Pedestrian / Traffic Safety Concerns – Request for a Crossing Guard at Mayfield Road and Snellview Boulevard

**Observers Present:** **8:45 a.m.** – Charles Gonsalves (Citizen Member), Mohan B. (Citizen Member); Marg Laramore, Co-Ordinator, Crossing Guards  
**3:40 p.m.** – Don Harberer (Citizen Member); Wendell Cole(Citizen Member); Marg Laramore, Coordinator, Crossing Guards; Elsetia Rhudd, Coordinator, Crossing Guards

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### Observations:

1. Crossing Guards are not provided for school bus drop off or pick up. A site inspection was completed in the front of the St Rita Catholic School by members and one staff member went to the school bus stop on Snellview Boulevard.
2. St. Rita Catholic School is located on the west side of Summer Valley Drive, between Woodcreek Drive and Sweet Briar Lane. Summer Valley Drive is a two-lane road that runs north of Mayfield Road. There are sidewalks on both sides of the street.
3. No Stopping, Monday to Friday, 8-5 signs are posted on the east side of Summer Valley Drive for the full length of the school property. On the west side, “No Parking” signage is positioned halfway between the school property line to Woodcreek Drive and a “No Stopping” corner restriction is located on both sides of the entrance and exit of school property. Speed limit is posted at 40km/hr in the school zone.
4. A parkette is located on the east side of Summer Valley Drive.
5. One school staff member was located at the entrance to the Kiss and Ride and one at the exit, assisting pedestrians to cross the lane leading to and from school. Two staff assisted with bus loading.
6. The flow of traffic around the entrances/exit of parking lot and bus lanes, stopping and parking in the driveway and bus lane contributed to traffic congestion.

7. Cars doubled parked in the parking lot. Other cars went through the Kiss and Ride lane and then backed up into an empty spot in the parking lot. For 10-15 minutes after the afternoon bell, the parking lot was full.

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8. Cars parked in the driveway and in the bus lanes, until students were picked up. This interfered with the traffic flow in the bus loading area and vehicles in the parking lot in front of the school.

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9. Cars parked in the "No Stopping" corner restriction area at the entrance and exit of the school property, making it difficult for buses to enter and exit. A couple of vehicles made U-turns on Summer Valley Drive. In the morning and afternoon about eight cars parked in the no parking zone and left vehicles cars to drop kids at school. We looked at crossing of Sweet Briar Lane and Summer Valley Drive and in the morning and afternoon approximately 25 students crossed with parents so there was no issue with this intersection.

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10. The committee did not visit Mayfield Road and Snellview Blvd. as crossing guards are not provided for school bus stops. A staff member went to the area during the site inspection and did not note any difficulties with students at the bus stop. It was noted that a few school buses did not activate their flashing signals.

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**Recommendations:**

1. That the Site Inspection report for St. Rita Catholic School be received; and

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2. That, in an effort to encourage Active Transportation to and from school, the Principal contact their designated Peel Health Nurse to participate in the School Travel Plan Program in Peel;

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3. That Parking Enforcement be requested to observe the area during arrival and dismissal periods and take the appropriate action on drivers who disobey signage at the entrance and exit of school;

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4. That School Administration consider closing the parking lot where cars doubled park, and use the Kiss and Ride lane only at arrival and dismissal times;

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5. That the School Principal continue to reinforce traffic safety rules to students, especially around driver awareness and proper use of the Kiss and Ride area; and,

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6. That the School Principal be requested to send information to parents regarding the safety of students in and around school property, emphasizing the requirement to cross safely at the signalized intersection rather than jaywalk into live traffic.

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