

Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: April 10, 2024

Ward: 9

School/Location: St. Marguerite D'Youville Secondary School, 10815 Dixie Road

Principal: Herman Vilorio

Time(s): 7:45 a.m. / 2:00 p.m.

Phone: 905-789-5560

Weather: Sunny and Clear

Requested By: Bryan Roach

Nature of Problem: Review of Traffic Congestion on school Dixie Road /School property

Observers Present: A.M.: Don Harberer, Member; Mohan B. Member; Will Davies, School Trustee; Margaret Laramore and Elsetia Rhudd, Crossing Guard Coordinators
P.M.: Charles Gonsalves, Member; Janice Gordon, Member; Wendell Cole, Member; Margaret Laramore and Elsetia Rhudd, Crossing Guard Coordinators

Observations:

1. St. Marguerite D'Youville S.S. is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Dixie Road and Father Tobin Road.
 2. Posted speed limit on Dixie Road is reduced to 60 km/hr. when flashing lights are on in the vicinity of the school.
 3. There are "No Stopping" restrictions posted on Dixie Road and Father Tobin Road in the vicinity of the school.
 4. Two accesses lead to the school property, one for northbound traffic on Dixie Road and the other from Father Tobin Road.
 5. The bus loading area is located along the west side of the school, parallel to Dixie Road. The Kiss and Ride zone is located along the south side of the school. Both are clearly identified with bright/fresh pavement markings.
 6. Directional arrows and pedestrian walkways are clearly visible as drivers navigate around the school property to access both exits/entrances to school property.
 7. No congestion occurred as buses and vehicles entered and exited school property. Drivers stopped and dropped off students everywhere other than designated areas.
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8. No students were observed waiting at the public bus stop at the intersection of Dixie Road and Father Tobin Road.

9. During the morning, no issues were observed on the south side of Father Tobin. In the afternoon, the driveway to and from the school on south side of Father Tobin Road was busier. Drivers trying to enter or exit the driveway struggled to turn left as they are required to yield to drivers turning left into school. The traffic did occasionally back up at the red light from Dixie Road preventing traffic from leaving the school property.

10. Another conflict area was observed 30m south of the entrance at Father Tobin Road. At one point a large school bus blocked the three-way intersection for minutes and no vehicles were able to move into the school parking lot or exit the school parking.

11. One of the factors potentially contributing to the heavy traffic volume is that the neighborhood to the south of the school only has a catwalk exiting to the southern most portion of that neighborhood. No walkway exists to cut through the northern part of the neighborhood which would allow easy access to the school property and promote more walking.

Recommendations:

1. That the Site Inspection report for St. Marguerite D'Youville Secondary School be received;

2. That the Principal be requested to continue to educate and encourage the drivers to use the designated Kiss and Ride area to drop off students and use the parking lot area to turn around when needed; and,

3. 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.
