



## Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

**Date: December 11, 2024 – Ward: 5**

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**School/Location:** Royal Orchard Middle School, 77 Royal Orchard Drive

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**Principal:** Darrell Johncox

**Time(s):** 8:05 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.

**Phone:** 905-455-3760

**Weather:** Dry, cold.

**Requested By:** Fydez Tan, Resident

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**Nature of Problem:** Traffic safety concerns at Red Maple Drive and Royal Orchard Drive. Inquiry for crossing guard and traffic congestion.

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Observers Present: Don Haberer, Citizen Member A.M., Julie Ellis, Team Lead, Crossing Guard, A.M./ P.M., Trustee Will Davies, P.M.

### **Observations:**

1. Royal Orchard Middle School is located on the northwest side of Royal Orchard Drive. The student population is approximately 550 pupils. Eight large and small school buses and two special needs buses provide service to the school. Crossing Guards are not placed at middle schools.
  2. There is a Kiss and Ride area on the property. The pavement markings in the Kiss and Ride area and the stop bar at the exit were faint.
  3. Posted speed limit on Royal Orchard Drive is 40km/hr. Bicycle lanes are identified with pavement markings on both sides of Royal Orchard Drive. During the morning and afternoon visits, drivers stopped in the bike lanes to drop off/pick up children.
  4. During the site inspections, drivers stopped in the bus drop-off/pick-up lane in front of the school and also parked in the visitor parking to drop off children.
  5. More so during the afternoon visit, vehicles exited the school property at the intersection of Red Maple and Royal Orchard Drive and this caused significant delays. Drivers were aggressive leaving the school property and some pedestrians walking on the sidewalk had to stop for them. One driver headed north on Royal Orchard Drive had to brake hard to avoid a child crossing the north leg of the intersection. Drivers also created three exit lanes while exiting the parking lot, where there are only two lanes. Turning drivers had to wait for extended periods of time to let children cross Royal Orchard Drive.
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**Recommendations:**

1. That the Site Inspection report for Royal Orchard Middle School, be received; and,
2. That the Principal be requested to:
  - Arrange for the Kiss and Ride pavement markings to be refreshed
  - Arrange for the stop bar to be repainted at the school exit and stop signs to be installed
  - Provide pedestrian safety education to the students
  - Provide safety reminder to drivers to yield to pedestrians
  - Suggest to parents that they not park in the bus drop area
  - Arrange for the school Planning department to review the exit from the school and possibly eliminate right turns.