

Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: May 16, 2025

Ward: 9

School/Location: Countryside Village Public School, 40 Dolbyhill Drive

Principal: Audrey Miller Raybould

Time(s): 8:10 a.m. / 2:55 p.m.

Phone: (905) 796 4467

Weather: Cool

Requested By: Priya Chand, Brampton resident – Request for a crossing guard at Wardenwood Drive and Ledger Point Crescent

Nature of Problem: Traffic Congestion/Parking Issues in vicinity of school on Wardenwood Drive

Observers Present: A.M. Don Haberer, Citizen Member; Mohan B., Citizen Member; Daljit Singh, Citizen member; Kim Bernard, Co-ordinator, Crossing Guard; Violet Skirten, Crossing Guard Supervisor
P.M. Chales Gonsalves, Citizen Member; Kim Bernard, Co-ordinator, Crossing Guard; Daljit Singh, Citizen Member, Wendell Cole, Citizen Member

Observations:

1. The school is located northeast of the intersection of Dolbyhill Drive and Wardenwood Drive and is attended by approximately 876 students, with 79 students arriving on the bus.
2. Fluorescent green school area signs and maximum speed of 40 km/hr signage are posted in the vicinity of the school on Dolbyhill Drive and Wardenwood Drive. Signage in the school area indicates it is a "Community Safety Zone".
4. The Kiss and Ride and school parking lot are accessed from Dolbyhill Drive on the easterly side of the school.
5. A school crossing guard is located at the intersection of Dolbyhill Drive and Blackstone River Drive. The west and south leg of the intersection are enhanced with pavement markings.
6. Students can access the school yard on Wardenwood Dr. through an opening in the fence, across from Trentonion Street. Ledger Point Crescent intersects with Wardenwood Drive twice, north and south of Trentonion Street.
7. There are "No Parking Anytime" restrictions on the west side of Wardenwood Drive between Ledger Point Crescent and north of the northern intersection of Ledger Point Crescent. There are no restrictions on the east side of Wardenwood. Pedestrian lines are painted on Wardenwoods Dr. at the intersection of Dolbyhill Dr.

8. At both morning and afternoon inspections the following were observed:

- The Kiss and Ride was underused. Many parking spots were available.
- In the vicinity of Wardenwood Drive and the gate to the school, vehicles parked on both sides of the roadway and students walked between vehicles. Drivers parked on the school side of Wardenwood Drive facing the wrong direction and then tried to merge back into southbound traffic. This blocked the northbound traffic flow.
- Vehicles were parked on the west side of Wardenwood Drive in the “No Parking” areas. Northbound drivers double parked along the school side to wait for students and blocked Wardenwoods Drive completely. Drivers dropped off students in the middle of the roadway and/or double parked on Wardenwood Drive.
- Many families crossed at the intersection of Wardenwood Drive and Trentonion Street to get to school and jaywalked between parked vehicles or to access the west side of Wardenwood Drive. The area was congested most of the time during the site inspections.
- Many vehicles made U-Turns on Wardenwoods Dr. in the vicinity of Trentonion Street.

Recommendations:

1. That the site inspection report for Countryside Village Public School be received;
2. That in an effort to encourage Active Transportation to and from school, the Principal contact the designated Peel Region Health Nurse to participate in the school Travel Plan Program in Peel;
3. That the Manager of Traffic Services be requested to arrange for:
 - “No U-Turn” signage to be installed on Wardenwood Drive between Ledger Point Crescent and Ledger Point Crescent
 - The “No Parking Anytime” signs on the west side of Wardenwood Drive to be replaced by “No Stopping, Monday to Friday, 8-4”
 - The installation of “No Parking, Monday to Friday, 8-4” restrictions on the east side of Wardenwood Drive, from a point directly across from 12 Wardenwood Drive to a point directly across from 22 Wardenwood Drive
4. That the Crossing Guard Supervisor review the intersection of Wardenwood Drive and Trentonion for the placement of a crossing guard. If a guard is placed, “No Stopping Anytime” signs on each side of the crossing.
5. The Manager of Bylaw and Enforcement arrange for the enforcement of the current “No Parking” on Wardenwood in the vicinity of Trentonain Street during arrival and dismissal times, and in addition, the enforcement of new signs when installed.
6. That Peel Regional Police be requested to enforce the “No U-Turn” restrictions on Wardenwood Drive and Trentonain Street during school arrival and dismissal times when the signs are installed.