

Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: November 10, 2020 – Ward 7

School/Location: St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Separate School, 550 North Park Drive

Principal: Laura Quick

Time(s): 8:00 a.m.

Phone: 905-454-3979

Weather: Clear

Requested By: Crossing Guard Office staff

Nature of Problem: Relocation of Crossing Guard to North Park Drive and Nasmith Street

Observers Present: Max Kazman, member; Patrick Doran, member; City Councilor Williams; Kim Bernard, Team Lead Crossing Guard

Observations:

1. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Separate School is located on the north side of North Park Drive, east of Nasmith Street.
 2. Two crossing guards are positioned at the school crossing on located North Park Drive at the exit of school property to assist with crossing four lanes of traffic.
 3. School area and Flashing 40 signs are posted on North Park Drive in the vicinity of the school. Restrictions indicating “No Stopping, 8-5 Mon-Fri” are located on both sides of North Park Drive in the vicinity of the school with the exception of “No Parking” corner restrictions located at the intersection of North Park Drive and Nasmith Street/Norma Crescent.
 4. North Park Drive has been reduced from a four-lane roadway to two lanes with bicycle lanes provided on either side. Clear pavement markings and signage identify this change.
 5. New traffic signals have been installed and activated at the intersection of Nasmith Street /Norma Crescent and North Park Drive. All four legs of the intersection are highlighted with ladder stripes. This new intersection is roughly 30 meters away from the school crossing.
 6. During the morning observations, congestion occurred on North Park Drive when the traffic signal turned green for eastbound traffic causing traffic to stop at the crosswalk (only 30 meters away) while the crossing guards crossed pedestrians.
 7. North Park Drive has a significant bend in the road in the vicinity of the school, and it was observed that westbound vehicles paid more attention to the traffic signals rather than the crosswalk as they blocked the crosswalk on the red light.
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8. The crosswalk is also very close to the school exit. Vehicles leaving school property rushed to enter North Park Drive and in doing so, they blocked the crosswalk when the traffic lights changed to red.
 9. Twenty-one students crossed at the crosswalk and approximately seven used the signalized intersection at North Park Drive and Nasmith Street/Norma Crescent.
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Recommendations:

1. That the Site Inspection report be received; and
 2. That in an effort to encourage Active Transportation to and from school, the Principal be requested contact the school's designated Peel Health Nurse to participate in the School Travel Plan Program in Peel;
 3. That the Supervisor of the Crossing Guards;
 - Re-locate the school crossing to the intersection of North Park Drive and Nasmith Street/Norma Crescent and place one crossing guard at the intersection to cross the north and east legs
 - Provide necessary training at the new school crossing to educate the pedestrians on how to cross safely at a signalized crossing
 - Provide the school principal with safety information regarding crossing at signalized intersections to share with student population
 4. That the Senior Manager of Traffic Services be requested to:
 - Remove the lines and signage at the existing crosswalk
 - Review the signal timings at the intersection to ensure there is sufficient time for students from K-5 to cross safely
 5. That the Principal be requested to advise the school population of the new crosswalk location at North Park Drive and Nasmith Street/Norma Crescent and also to encourage and educate them on safety at a signalized intersection.
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