

Brampton School Traffic Safety Council

Site Inspection Request



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Request for site inspection by:

Resident School Administrator Other (please specify) _____

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Name of school/intersection Harold M. Brathwaite Secondary School

Reason(s) for request – check all that apply:

Park and Ride Traffic congestion on school property Traffic congestion on school street
 Parking issues Crossing guard inquiry Other (please specify) Jaywalking

Observations:

Note: be specific – include date, time, location, etc. If you need more space, or would like to include photos, drawings, diagrams, etc., please attach another sheet.

Please see attached.

Have you told anyone at the school about of this issue? Yes No

Who did you tell? School Administration / School Council requested the traffic study When? _____

Verbally or in writing? Verbally In writing

What was the response?

School has attempted measures, with limited success, to address flow issues on site to ensure a smooth traffic flow including the timely off loading and loading of a large number of school buses.

Send completed form to:

City Clerk's Office, City of Brampton.
2 Wellington Street West, Brampton, ON L6Y 4R2
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Date of last site inspection: **if less than two years ago, attach copy of site visit report

Was this issue addressed in that visit? Yes No

Have the recommendations from the site visit been addressed? Yes No

Date of committee meeting where this information will be presented:

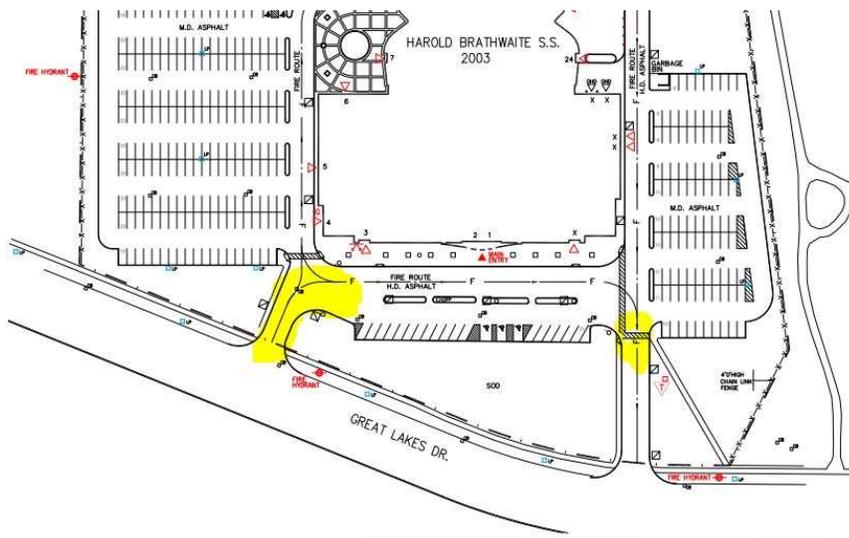
Response to Inquiry: Date: By (name):

Traffic Concerns at Harold M. Brathwaite S.S.

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Harold Brathwaite S.S. is experiencing a great deal of traffic congestion at the beginning of the school day (approx.. 7:50am to 8:20am) and at the end of the school day (2:35pm to 3:00pm) both on school premises and on Great Lakes Dr.

On site we have been struggling to route a large number of special needs buses on and off of our premises. It is important for us to do so, as many of our buses have an additional bus run after ours. The congestion occurs in the areas highlighted in yellow. These areas largely restrict our buses getting on to our site and exiting our site. Our special need buses general load and off load on the north side of the building. The lane closest to the building is designated and marked as bus lane. Parents have also complained of bottlenecks at the exit of our site at the north end of our property.





U-turns in front of our site is a big safety concern. For example, this morning on Great Lakes Dr. I witnessed 10 south bound drivers doing U-turns to drop off their HB students on the east side of the road. 5 of the U-turns resulted in other drivers, both north and south bound, laying on their horns as a result of near accidents. There are currently **no** U-turn signs posted along our property on Great Lakes Dr. The last U-turn sign heading north bound, is just south of our property (image below). It is our understanding that the existing signs were installed to accommodate concerns at our neighbouring school site, Great Lakes P.S., located south of our site.



We believe instating no U-turns in front of our site would improve safety and traffic flow.

Jaywalking has also become a big concern since the completion of the subdivision directly west of our property. Despite encouraging students to cross at signal-controlled crossings, students continue to jaywalk and put themselves at risk. This also includes parents travelling south bound on Great Lakes Dr. dropping their children off on the west side of the road and jaywalking to occur, for the parents to avoid having to turn onto school premises to drop off their children.

We have had two parents suggest that the City of Brampton build a paved (winter maintained) walkway from the back of our premises over to the City owned Save Max Sports Centre, where parents could as an alternative drop off their children. Our only concern with this would be the ability of the Board to maintain a walkway through the winter months and would need the support of the City of Brampton Parks Department for winter maintenance (plowing and sanding) if this was a possible option. This our course would also require approval from the Peel District School Board.

Lastly for consideration would be an advance left hand turn signal from northbound Great Lakes Drive to westbound Sandalwood Parkway. We have observed both in the morning and afternoon northbound traffic being backed up to the Nursing Home north of our site from the back up of drivers turning west onto Sandalwood Pkwy. This also prevents traffic to get through to make a righthand turn to head east on Sandalwood Pkwy.

Thank you for your consideration.

I look forward to hearing from you to discuss our concerns and possible solutions.

Regards,

Paul Hamilton

Vice Principal

Harold M. Brathwaite S.S.

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