



Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: November 10, 2021 – Ward 2

School/Location: Gordon Graydon, Senior Public School, 170 Rutherford Road

Principal: Giselle Blain

Time(s): 8:30 a.m. and 2:55 p.m.

Phone: 905-453-1775

Weather: Clear

Requested By: School Principal

Nature of Problem: Review traffic congestion on Rutherford Road and safety issues at intersection of Rutherford Road and Vodden Street, and request for crossing guard at intersection

Observers Present: A.M. – Max Kazman; Kathy McDonald, School Board Trustee; Kim Bernard, Team Lead, Crossing Guards
P.M. – Charles Gonsalves, Citizen Member; Max Kazman; Kim Bernard, Team Lead, Crossing Guard; Kathy McDonald, School Board Trustee

Observations:

1. Gordon Graydon Senior Public School is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Vodden Street and Rutherford Road. Drivers can access and exit school property from Rutherford Road.
 2. The school is attended by 488 students and serviced by one large bus, and five small special needs buses.
 3. The Kiss and Ride program is not operated at this school. Only buses and staff can enter the property.
 4. Posted flashing 40 km/hr speed signs and school area signs are posted on Rutherford Road and Vodden Street in the vicinity of the school. Rutherford Road is designated a 'Community Safety Zone' in the area of the school.
 5. Rutherford Rd. is marked with pavement markings and signage identifying bicycle lanes.
 6. "No Stopping, 8 a.m.-9 a.m., 3 p.m.-5 p.m., Mon-Fri" restrictions are posted on west side of Rutherford Road in the vicinity of the school, and "No Parking" corner restrictions are located at the entrance/exit to school property.
 7. Signage indicating no U-Turns are located on Rutherford Road just north of Vodden Street at the front of the school.
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8. A parking lot located at Century Gardens Park on Archdekin Drive, just north of the school, with a well maintained walkway leading to the back of the school, is not used as drop off/pick up for students.

9. Two staff members wearing vests were present at the entrance/exit to school property, prevented parents from driving in to drop-off students. Buses and vehicles exiting the property to travel southbound on Rutherford Road created congestion, as it was difficult to do so.

10. During the inspections, many drivers parked on the west side of Rutherford Road to pick-up and drop-off students with some parking in the “No Parking” corner restrictions. The pedestrians crossed Rutherford Road midblock from/to parked cars in an unsafe manner.

11. In the afternoon, drivers parked on the east side of Rutherford Road, in front of the fire hydrant and in the bicycle lane.

12. Many southbound drivers on Rutherford Road were seen making U-Turns using the entrance to school property to park and drop-off students. Vehicles were very close to the staff working at the entrance and the students who walked on the sidewalk.

13. The intersection of Rutherford Road and Vodden Street is signalized with enhanced pavement markings. A Crossing Guard is not provided as this is a senior public school. During the site inspections there were no conflicts observed between pedestrians and vehicles, the pedestrians pushed the button for the pedestrian signals and had sufficient time to cross.

Recommendations:

1. That the Site Inspection report be received;

2. 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;

3. That the Principal be requested to:
 - Encourage guardians to utilize the parking lot located on Archdekin Drive at Century Gardens Park to drop-off and pick-up students
 - Provide pedestrian safety Information to the students and guardians in the school’s newsletter and encourage all students to cross Rutherford Road at the traffic signals located at the intersection of Rutherford Road and Vodden Street
 - Ask the School Board to consider implementing “No Left Turn” signage at school exit;

4. That the Senior Manager of Traffic Services be requested to:
 - Arrange for the extension of the “No U-Turns” signage on Rutherford Road north of Vodden Street to include the entire length of Gordon Graydon school property
 - Arrange for the pedestrian signal timing at the intersection of Vodden Street and Rutherford to be reviewed;

5. That Peel Regional Police be requested to enforce compliance with the “No U-Turns” signage at arrival and dismissal times when the new signs are installed; and,
 6. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-Law Services be requested to enforce parking restrictions on Rutherford Road in the vicinity of Gordon Graydon Senior Public School during arrival and dismissal times.
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