



Brampton School Traffic Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 - Ward 1

School/Location: St. Joachim Catholic School – 435 Rutherford Road North

Principal: Franco De Caro

Time(s): 8:30 a.m. & 3:10 p.m

Phone: 905-453-4472

Weather: a.m. cloudy, p.m. light rain & cloudy

Requested By: School Principal

Nature of Problem: Traffic concerns at Rutherford Road in the vicinity of the Kiss and Ride area at the entrance and exit

Observers Present: Renee Crone, Citizen Member (a.m./p.m.); Charles Gonsalves, Citizen Member (p.m.); Baljit Mand, Citizen Member (a.m./p.m.); Kim Bernard, Team Lead, Crossing Guard, (a.m./p.m.)

Observations:

1. St. Joachim Catholic School is located on the southeast corner of Rutherford Road North and Winterfold Drive. The bus drop-off area and staff parking is located in front of the school and the Kiss and Ride area is located at the east end of the school.
 2. Three crossing guards assist students at this school to cross at these locations:
 - i. Rutherford Road and Winterfold Drive
 - ii. Rutherford Road and Williams Parkway, and
 - iii. Winterfold Drive at the front of Arnott Charlton Public School.
 3. Fluorescent school area signs and 40 km/hr speed limit signs are located on Rutherford Road in both directions in the vicinity of the school. Rutherford Road is designated a Community Safety Zone and signs are posted indicating "Municipal Speed Camera" is coming soon.
 4. On the south side of Rutherford Road, signs indicate "No stopping, Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m." from Winterfold Drive to the pedestrian walkway located between the two driveways and then "No Parking, Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m." On the north side of Rutherford Road, there is "No Stopping, Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m." signage between Winterfold Drive and Wikander Way.
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5. The Kiss and Ride area indicates a drop-off lane and a right through lane. Two small parking areas are available for parents. A sign is posted at the exit indicating "Right Turn" only and the exit is channelized on the school property to split the inbound and outbound vehicles.

6. During the site inspection, motorists stopped in the "No Parking" area at the pedestrian walkway to drop-off/pick-up students in the driveway. One staff member assisted in the morning and two members assisted during dismissal period. They did not assist in the Kiss and Ride operation. The Kiss and Ride area was very busy, and even more so, with drivers parked in the Kiss and Ride through lanes. Many drivers exited the Kiss and Ride turning left which caused traffic issues on Rutherford Road.

7. During the site inspection, motorists stopped/parked in the bus-loading driveway, which interfered with the buses operation. They also parked on both sides of Rutherford Road in prohibited areas including the transit stop and fire hydrant. In addition, motorists did U-turns on Rutherford Road in the vicinity of the driveway leading to the Kiss and Ride and east of the driveway.

Recommendations

1. That the Site Inspection report be received; and

2. That the Senior Manager of Traffic Services arrange for the following:
 - To extend the "No Stopping, Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the north side of Rutherford Road to house number 418.
 - To install U-Turn signs on Rutherford Road across the frontage of the school property.

3. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services, be requested to increase patrols on Rutherford Road during the arrival and dismissal times at St Joachim Catholic School; and,

4. That the Principal be requested to arrange for the following:
 - To provide educational material to the school community regarding pedestrian safety, Kiss and Ride Procedures and safety around schools
 - To encourage guardians not to cross Rutherford Road at midblock
 - To remind drivers to only turn right at the exit of the Kiss and Ride on Rutherford Road
 - To assign staff in the Kiss and Ride area to assist in with the dropping-off/picking-up of students from the vehicles
