



Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: June 7, 2022

Ward: 9

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

Principal: Audrey Miller Raybould

Time(s): 8:15 a.m. / 2:55 p.m.

Phone: (905) 796 4467

Weather: rainy

Requested By: School Administration

Nature of Problem: Traffic Congestion/Parking Issues in vicinity of the school

Observers Present: A.M. Rene Crone, Citizen Member; Mohan B., Citizen Member; Kim Bernard, Team Lead, Crossing Guard
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Observations:

1. The school is located northeast of the intersection of Dolbyhill Dr. and Wardenwood Dr. and is attended by approximately 744 students. It is serviced by one large and one small school 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 Dr. and Wardenwood Dr.
3. Restrictions indicating "No Parking" on the north side of Dolbyhill Dr. and the west side of Wardenwood Dr. are located in the vicinity of the school.
4. Signage in the school area indicates it is a "Community Safety Zone" and notes that a Municipal Speed Camera will be coming soon.
5. The Kiss and Ride and school parking lot are accessed from Dolbyhill Dr. on the easterly side of the school. The Kiss and Ride circles around the parking lot and is identified clearly with pavement markings and signage.
6. The bus loading area runs along the front of the school with clear and visible pavement markings indentifying the drop-off area and the drive-through lanes. The bus loading area exits at the All Way Stop intersection of Dolbyhill Dr. and Blackstone River Dr.

7. A school crossing guard is located at the intersection of Dolbyhill Dr. and Blackstone River Dr. The west and south leg of the intersection are enhanced with pavement markings.
8. Students can access the school yard on Wardenwoods Dr. through an opening in the fence and where the Kindergarten drop-off and pick-up is located.
9. Many signs are placed along the fence indicating that the Kiss and Ride is located on Dolbyhill Dr. and that parents should use this area to drop off/pick up students..
10. Pedestrian lines are painted on Wardenwoods Dr. at the intersection of Dolbyhill Dr. and Wardenwoods Dr.
11. At both morning and afternoon inspections the following were observed:
 - The Kiss and Ride was underused. Many parking spots were available. Two staff members wearing vests worked the Kiss and Ride and one assisted students across a walkway heading east of the school.
 - Wardenwoods Dr. was chaotic with vehicles parking everywhere and pedestrians jaywalking. Drivers parked on the school side of Wardenwoods Dr. Southbound drivers parked on the school side to drop-off students and then tried to merge back into southbound traffic. This blocked the northbound traffic flow.
 - Cars were parked on the west side of Wardenwoods Dr. in the “No Parking” areas. Northbound drivers double parked along the school side to wait for students and blocked Wardenwoods Dr. completely.
 - Many families used the intersection of Wardenwoods Dr. and Dolbyhill Dr. to get to and from school and jaywalked between parked vehicles to either get to a parked car or access the west side of Wardenwoods Dr. to get home. This contributed to the congestion.
 - Many vehicles made U-Turns on Wardenwoods Dr.

Recommendations:

1. That the site inspection report be received;
2. That in the 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 Wardenwoods Dr. and Dolbyhill Dr. in the vicinity of the school
 - Enhanced pavement markings on north leg of Wardenwoods Dr. at the intersection of Dolbyhill Dr. and Wardenwoods Dr.

4. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-Law Services be requested to monitor and enforce parking restrictions on Wardenwoods Dr. and Dolbyhill Dr. during school arrival and dismissal times;
5. That the Principal be requested to:
 - consider locking the gate, starting September 2022, to prevent entry to school property from Wardenwoods Dr.
 - educate and encourage student population to use the intersection of Wardenwoods Dr. and Dolbyhill Dr. to enter school property
6. That Peel Regional Police be requested to enforce the “No U-Turn” driving restrictions on Wardenwoods Dr. and Dolbyhill Dr. during school arrival and dismissal times.