



Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: June 13, 2023 – Ward: 10

School/Location: Pte. Buckam Singh Public School, 100 Martin Byrne Drive

Principal: Silvia Zannella

Time(s): 7:30 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.

Phone: 905-453-3701

Weather: dry overcast - 14C

Requested By: Silvia Zannella

Nature of Problem: Traffic safety concerns around the school and inquiry for crossing guard

Observers Present: Carla Green, Citizen Member P.M.; Don Haberer, Citizen Member A.M.; Kim Bernard, Team Lead, Crossing Guard, A.M./P.M.; Trustee Will Davies, AM/PM.

Observations:

1. Pte. Buckam Singh P.S. is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Martin Byrne Dr. and Squire Ellis Dr. Student population is currently at 672 pupils. Three small school buses provide service to the school.
2. There is Child and Family Centre located on school property with its own entrance access from Squire Ellis Dr. with its own parking lot and Kiss and Ride.
3. Both Squire Ellis Dr. and Martin Byrne Dr. have posted speeds of 40km/hr., school area signs, Advance Crosswalk signage in place. Bicycle lanes are identified with signage and pavement markings.
4. There are “No Stopping, 8-5, Mon-Fri” restrictions on the east side of Martin Byrne Dr. and on the south side of Squire Ellis Dr. along the school property and “No U Turns” restrictions on Martin Byrne Dr. and Squire Ellis Dr. in the vicinity of the school.
5. There are “No Stopping” corner restrictions on both sides of the entrance/exit on Squire Ellis Dr. to the Child and Family Centre.
6. A black iron fence runs along school property and encloses the school from the Kiss and Ride entrance on Squire Ellis Dr. to the exit of the Kiss and Ride on Martin Byrne Dr.. On Squire Ellis Dr. two openings in the fence allow pedestrians to enter school property and they are located between the Child Care Centre Kiss and Ride entrance to Martin Byrne Dr.
7. A crossing guard is located at the All Way Stop intersection of Martin Byrne Dr. and Squire Ellis Dr. All legs of the intersection display enhanced pavement markings.

8. Fire route signage is located on Martin Byrne Dr. beginning at the intersection of Martin Byrne Dr. and Squire Ellis Dr. and ending at the main entrance of the school.
9. A bus layby is located on Squire Ellis Dr. on the school side and signed as bus loading area.
10. During the morning and afternoon inspections, drivers were observed parking on both sides of Squire Ellis Dr. in the bus loading zone and "No Stopping" restricted areas.
11. Many U-Turns were observed on Squire Ellis Dr. during both inspections and created congestion on the street.
12. During morning and afternoon inspections, 50-60 pedestrians were observed crossing Squire Ellis Dr. midblock to access the Child Care Centre and school property. All vehicles stopped to let them cross. Pedestrians crossed between parked cars into live traffic. Some were observed walking to parked cars but most were either going to school in the morning or going home in the afternoon.

Recommendations:

1. That the Site Inspection report for Pte. Buckam Singh Public School be received; and
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:
 - Ask the Child and Family Centre to restrict the entrance to their Kiss and Ride Area on Squire Ellis Dr. by using cones;
 - Educate and encourage student population to use the crossing guard at the intersection of Martin Byrne Dr. and Squire Ellis Dr., and to utilize the Kiss and Ride area on Martin Byrne Dr.
 - Close the fence at both pedestrian entrances to the Child and Family Centre and school property on Squire Ellis Dr.
4. That Student Transportation of Peel Region (STOPR) be requested to confirm whether the Bus Loading area on Squire Ellis Dr. is necessary, and advise the Manager of Traffic Operations and Parking;
5. That the Manager of Traffic Operations and Parking arrange for:
 - the removal of the Bus Loading zone if there are no buses on Squire Ellis Dr.;
 - an All Way Stop warrant study on Squire Ellis Dr. from Martin Byrne Dr. to John Carroll Dr.;
6. That the Manager of Enforcement and By-law Services be requested to arrange for the enforcement of parking restrictions on Martin Byrne Dr. and Squire Ellis Dr. during school arrival and dismissal times;
7. That the Peel Regional Police be requested to enforce the "No U-Turn" signage on Squire Ellis Dr. in the vicinity of the school;
8. That a Crossing Guard is not warranted on Squire Ellis Dr. at this time