



Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: September 26, 2023 - Ward:9

School/Location: Fernforest Public School, 275 Fernforest Drive

Principal: Samantha Williams

Time(s): 8:10 a.m. and 2:50 p.m.

Phone: 905-793-6157

Weather: Dry and sunny morning and afternoon

Requested By: Shilpa Mistry, Vice Principal, Fernforest Public School

Nature of Problem: Parking congestion, parking issues, Kiss and Ride

Observers Present: Don Haberer, Citizen Member A.M.; Marg Laramore, Crossing Guard Coordinator, A.M.; Charles Gonsalves, Citizen Member, P.M.; William Davies, School Trustee A.M & P.M.; Elsetia Rhudd, Crossing Guard Coordinator (A.M.& P.M.)

Observations:

1. Fernforest Public School is located on the east side of Fernforest Drive, north of Black Forest Drive. The student population is currently 720 pupils. There are five small buses and one large bus that service the school.
 2. Fernforest Drive has a posted speed of 40km/hr. There are “no stopping” signs posted on both sides of the road (8 A.M. to 5 P.M.) leading up to and in front of the school.
 3. Kiss and Ride and Bus Lane payment markings are worn; parents are using school parking lot to unload and or walk kids into school (walking through parked and moving vehicles.) Late arrivals are not using the Kiss and Ride but unloading kids in bus lane at front of school.
 4. A garden beside a stop sign in the parking at a forced right turn lane(s), makes for poor visibility of a pedestrian crossing. A protruding curb beside the garden may have been designed to force drivers wide, so as to see better, however three drivers struck or mounted the curb, resulting in missing chunks of concrete.
 5. Parents stopping/dropping and parking in “no stopping” zones on east and west side of Fernforest Drive. Some vehicles impeding traffic flow into Kiss and Ride in the A.M.
 6. During the P.M. visit pylons were placed blocking the Kiss and Ride entrance and an altercation ensued as a parent tried to drive past pylons and teacher. Brampton Parking Enforcement was present in the P.M. and issued 10 tickets for stopping/ parking in “no stopping” zones on Fernforest Drive.
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Recommendations:

1. That the Site Inspection report be received; and
2. That the principle be requested to arrange for:
 - Payment markings to be refreshed for Kiss and Ride, Bus Lane and Thru Lane.
 - Consider removal of bushes in garden and reducing extended curb at end of Kiss and Ride drop zone.
 - Leave the Kiss and Ride open during the afternoon dismissal; and
3. That the Manager of Parking Enforcement be requested to enforce the No Stopping/No Parking zones during arrival and dismissal times.