

Brampton Safety Council Site Inspection Report

Date: October 19, 2023

Ward: 5

School/Location: Northwood Public School, 70 Gretna Drive

Principal: Simone Johnson

Time(s): 8:20 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Phone: 905-451-6464

Weather: Dry and sunny morning and afternoon

Requested By: Jennifer Harding, resident

Nature of Problem: Inquiry for crossing guard at Kimbark Drive and Gretna Drive

Observers Present: Don Haberer, Citizen Member A.M.; Margaret Laramore, Team Lead, Crossing Guard A.M./P.M.; Dominique Darmanin-Sturgeon, Citizen Member A.M.; Satvir Dhaliwal, Citizen Member P.M.

Observations:

1. Northwood Public School is located east of the intersection of Kimbark Drive and Gretna Drive. The student population is approximately 560 students.
2. Posted speed limits on Gretna Drive and Kimbark Drive is 40km/hr. On Kimbark Drive there is "No Parking" anytime signage on the west side of the road.
3. All-Way Stop signage is posted at the intersection of Kimbark Drive and Gretna Drive with enhanced pavement markings on the crosswalk at the south leg. There are no sidewalks on the east side of Kimbark Drive or the north side of Gretna Drive. The pavement markings on Kimbark Drive at Gretna Drive are slightly worn.
4. During both site inspections, a driver parked facing south on Kimbark Drive, immediately south of the pedestrian crossing, obstructing the view of pedestrians and motorists. Two school buses were unable to complete left turns at the intersection, help was required from other drivers to clear a path for the bus drivers to use the oncoming lane to complete their turns.
5. Approximately twenty-five Northwood Public School students crossed the intersection during the morning and thirty students crossed the intersection during the afternoon. Most students were accompanied by an adult while they crossed the intersection. No conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians were observed, morning or afternoon and there were lots of safe gaps to allow pedestrians to cross.

6. During the morning site inspection, drivers parked in front of the school in restricted areas. It was observed that a Parking Enforcement officer patrolled the area for about 30 minutes before school started.
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Recommendations:

1. That the Site Inspection report for Northwood Public School be received;
2. That a crossing guard is not warranted at the intersection of Gretna Drive and Kimbark Drive;
3. That the Manager of Traffic Operations and Parking arrange for:
 - a. the installation of “No Parking” anytime restrictions on the west side of Kimbark Drive from the driveway of 25 Kimbark Drive to the intersection of Kimbark Drive and Gretna Drive
 - b. the refreshing of pavement markings at Kimbark Drive and Gretna Drive; and
4. That the Manager of Parking Enforcement arrange for enforcement of parking rules on Gretna Drive and Kimbark during school arrival and dismissal times.