

**From:** [Parish, William](#)  
**To:** [Scarborough Community Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Shawn Dillon](#)  
**Subject:** SC13.11 Kitson Drive Stopping Prohibition / Submission in Writing  
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Hello Members of Scarborough Community Council,

I am writing on behalf of John A Leslie P.S. school with respect to the proposed Stopping Prohibition for Kitson Dr. **(SC 13.11)**. I am submitting my concerns to you in response to a variety of concerns and issues that surround our school drop-off and pick-up for parents and students. My concerns are focussed solely on the **safety for our students and parents** within a high traffic/busy thorough fare upon which our school is located. As you may be aware, school zones are extremely busy and can be dangerous for all members of a school community. Unfortunately, many schools do not have the luxury of drop-off zones / Kiss 'n' Rides to provide a safer, more efficient entry and exit area. Furthermore, staff parking lots are not designed for pick-up and drop-off and in fact, create an even greater safety concern for students and TDSB employees / vehicles.

The Transportation Services **School Zone Safety Review dated April 11, 2019** addresses Midland Ave as the main focus of traffic safety concerns around John A. Leslie Public School (i.e. parking, speed limits, school zone safety requirements, TTC buses / school buses etc.). A series of recommendations (signage, stopping zones, TCS at PXO, flashing speed indicators, **discuss a safe route**) were put forward to address speeding, dangerous maneuvers, U-turns etc. all while children are walking to school or crossing Midland to get to school.

John A Leslie Public School's own **Action Plan for Traffic Safety prepared by Green Communities Canada** refers only to the safety issues on Midland Ave. in front of the school and makes no reference to any concerns on any adjacent streets such as Kitson Dr. **The Report for Action –Stopping Prohibition-Kitson Drive dated December 3, 2019** refers to a request received from John A Leslie Public School regarding concerns with respect to traffic congestion and safety hazards on Kitson Dr. However, the school does not share those concerns and should not be included as a party to the motion.

As the current Principal at John A. Leslie Public School **my concerns do not have to do with Kitson Dr., but are in fact directed towards the issue of eliminating options for parents wishing to avoid the dangers of Midland Ave. If a stopping prohibition is put in place and is actively patrolled by traffic enforcement you will be creating even greater dangers by forcing parents and children back onto Midland Ave exacerbating already existing issues that are well documented by all traffic analysis reports that I am aware of.**

In an ideal world everyone would walk to school, and many do, however, in today's fast-paced, high traffic volume reality that is not always the case. I would hope that you would **take this information into consideration** when the decision comes before Scarborough Community Council.

Thank You,

**W. Parish**  
**Principal**  
**John A. Leslie P.S.**

*Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life.*

- Rachel Carson