

July 2, 2025

To: City Clerk, Councillor Kandavel, and Transportation Services

Subject: Item SC24.11, Kingston Road, between Midland Avenue and Brimley Road/Brimley Road South - Speed Limit Review

As parent council chair at St. John Henry Newman, I am reaching out on behalf of our school community to **support the proposed reduction of speed along Kingston Road from Midland to Brimley** (SC24 11) in the community safety zone near St. Theresa Shrine and St. John Henry Newman schools that is going to Scarborough Council for consideration next week based on recommendation by Transportation Services.

Our school has about 940 local students attending St. John Henry Newman and many of our students rely on the buses along Kingston Road to get to and from school each day. We know in the recent community meetings there were discussions about moving the TTC stop in front of St. Theresa Shrine. We, St. John Henry Newman community, **support a move of this bus stop, as we are truly concerned about the safety of our children at this stop.**

At the end of the school day there are usually a large number of our students congregated in a small, crowded area waiting for the bus to pick them up going east. The students are waiting so close to Kingston Road with many vehicles speeding past and concerned someone is going to be fatally hurt one of these days.

We have heard that TTC and Transportation Services are recommending moving this bus stop to the west, closer to Chine Drive. We, St John Henry Newman community, are **adamantly against this recommendation to move the bus stop to the west!** We believe if the stop is moved to the west this will not solve the sidewalk crowding along Kingston Road as our students wait for the buses at the end of the day. This will also open up potential further safety issues of students walking along and crossing of the seminary road to get to the bus stop if moved to the west. We recommend that the stop be moved to the east closer to the proposed location of our future new school on the west side of the parking lot area on Kingston Road.

We feel the best option would be to move the stop to the east closer to the location of our new school. Our students will be able to get to the bus stop more safely from our school and there is a larger area for our students to wait for the bus after school. While we understand the concerns of TTC and Transportation Services that this is a shorter distance for buses to turn left (north) onto Brimley Road, we feel the safety of our children is more important.

There are other intersections in our area where the buses cross multiple lanes to make a quick turn. An example is intersections of St. Clair/Danforth/Kennedy. When heading east the buses cross a couple lanes in a short distance and 2 intersections are close together to turn left onto Kennedy at Esso station. While not ideal, we believe that it can be done with care and if motorists give right of way to buses like they should.


We also wanted to express serious concerns about local traffic coming across from cemetery road crossing Kingston Road into the seminary road or turning left at the intersection onto Kingston Road. We have witnessed parents of St. Theresa Shrine coming through the cemetery road and quickly turning left and crossing multiple lanes to get into the school parking lot to drop off their children. There have been some near-miss accidents due to this action as well.

In summary, we support the reduction of the speed on Kingston Road in this area, but we do not support the move of the bus stop at St. Theresa Shrine to the west but should be moved to the east. Further consideration should be given about the traffic from the cemetery.

We are concerned about the safety of our children and hope that Scarborough Council, Transportation Services, and TTC will consider our proposed recommendations to make this area safer for our children! We hope that there will be further dialogue with our community on the proposed bus stop change.

Sincerely,

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