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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the May 28, 2026 Scarborough Community Council meeting on item 2026.SC32.19, Orton Park Road - Parking and Traffic Amendments

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to ask that you support transportation staff's recommendations detailed in item SC32.19. In your consideration I am submitting the following deputation on behalf of the Curran Hall Community Association executive and its membership .

The Curran Hall Community Association, at almost 70 years of continuous service, is one of only a few of Scarborough's oldest ratepayer organizations operated by community volunteers.

Counsel's acceptance of this item will be a crucial first step in establishing a safe directive in encouraging mindfulness in driver behaviour in a chaotic area that needs safeguards and preventative measures to ensure community safety.

For the month of November 2025 over a number of dates I audited the intersection of Orton Park Rd. and Brimorton with a specific focus on the area of G.B. Little P.S. at 125 Orton Park Rd. and St.Mark's United Church at 115 Orton Park Rd., sharing observations, photographs, data, and timelines with school, church, city staff and community representative from 43 division. In early December a collective made up of the representatives from these groups all met early in the morning to discuss the concerns in person. Then, as a group we walked the length between the church property and the school driveway close to the intersection of Brimorton and Orton Park where group members were able to see first hand reoccurrence of many of the items of concern that were discussed. To provide readers of this letter insight as to what is entailed in the recommendations made by transportation staff, beside the line items, I have added in brackets some insight derived from observations taken from my audit, they are as follows;

*U-Turn prohibition (Currently both sides of the road congest with a great many cars when children are being dropped off and picked up, making the frequent u-turns dangerous with close calls with other cars, and with pedestrians not crossing at the crosswalk)

*Prohibition of westbound through / left turn movements from the school north driveway. (The school driveway is close to the Orton Park Rd./Brimorton Drive intersection and is at an awkward angle in relation to the intersection. Motorists and school buses have been witnessed crossing the intersection westbound and turning south on a red light as they exit from the school parking lot for lack of direction on how the parking lot should be exited, for which a northbound exit only would be safest and a most cost effective alternative to reconstruction of the Brimorton/Orton Park intersection with signalled traffic lights from the school parking lot coordinated with existing traffic lights.

*Parking amendments near the Church driveway (The suggested signage is to inform drivers not to stop or park in front of the driveway or in the area of the driveway entrance's turning radius. If the turn radius is blocked, it compromises the ability for a motorist exiting to complete the radius a turn without the nose of the vehicle entering the line of oncoming traffic.).

St. Mark's church building is actively used throughout the week, not just by church staff and congregation, but also

permit holding community groups who meet at the church, and sometimes when drop off and pick up at the school occurs, there have been several incidents where parked cars related to the school have blocked exit or entry to the church driveway.

In closing, I thank you in advance for your consideration of this motion.

Best regards,

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