

From: Taylor Park School PAC
Sent: November-06-18 4:44 PM
To: Clerks
Subject: RE: Traffic around Taylor Park Elementary

Hello,

My delegation wishes to present at the next safety council meeting. I see that tonight is the last one for the year. Please let us know what the next meeting date will be.

The Taylor Park PAC is presenting on the subject of road safety around the school and adjacent daycare, Hanna Court. I will be speaking and I am the PAC Chair.

Please let me know if there is any other information you require.

Please find below my email to the traffic department:
Hello,

I am the PAC Chair for Taylor Park and a recurring topic at our meetings is the amount of fast moving traffic around the school and daycare, Hanna Court. My understanding is that you have been contacted before regarding the traffic and in the past was not deemed enough for action at that time. I believe with the developments of a couple of tall buildings and two more properties slated to be build in the near future are we are now at a time to re-asses the needs of the school, which is now at max capacity and slated for expansion.

I think our requests are reasonable and low cost. I have them in point form below, but would like to tell you why we need these upgrades. The hill that runs parallel to the school is quite steep and it is often hard to see cars that speed up the hill along Southpoint Drive towards Griffiths. There is a crosswalk by the daycare that is in a 50km/hr zone and often young kids are trying to cross with cars slamming on the breaks. A pedestrian controlled crossing light here would be beneficial as you would see that while coming up the hill before seeing a person already crossing. The round-about outside Hanna Court is a hazard to pedestrians on the sidewalk. I have seen cars roll back in the snow on the sidewalk; I have been told about kids almost being hit while people back in and park in the round about. If the 30 kn/hr zone was extended to here, perhaps people would slow down before turning at the very least.

Often the cars are backed up all along Southpoint at 9am and 3pm in part due to the jaywalking across Griffiths near the north cross walk. There is a wonderful crossing guard on the south side, but not the north. Why not have the pedestrians cross on her side and close off the other crosswalk for safety and to get cars moving with less idling? The east side has no intersection and is a sidewalk so pedestrians would not be impeded. This would be great for the high school too as I often see kids jaywalk across that intersection at the last second.

1 - Move the 30km zone to the crosswalk by the daycare to the bottom of the hill. The cross walk is at the crest of the hill and hard to see when traveling east.

2 - Limit pedestrian crossing along Griffiths north side crosswalk during peak hours. This will help cars idle less and hopefully reduce road rage. I see the high school kids often jaywalk and run diagonal across the intersection which is dangerous.

3 - Install pedestrian-controlled lights at the daycare cross walk. There are many parked cars here and often it is hard to see people that want to cross.

4 - Change the parking hours so teachers have more spaces and less people park illegally in the parking lot.

We are also working with the school to do bike to school week next year as well as setting up walking clubs, but I don't think that is enough with the school now over 600 kids. I thank you for your time and would love a chance to meet with you and show you the areas of concern.

I'm not sure what other information you would need, but have included the information found on your site to better identify the area. You'll notice Stride has 4 calming features on half a block, while Taylor Park, a much larger school, has 4 within two blocks.:

[Taylor Park traffic calming area](#)

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Thank you,

Jaclyn Kirby

Taylor Park School PAC , Chair
[Info link from city site](#)