

POLICY	
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Property Sales and Other Land Uses to Residents in Arrears	

1. Policy Statement

Not Applicable

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to reduce tax arrears by ensuring that municipal property is not sold, rented, leased or other use to people or businesses who have a poor track-record of paying taxes.

3. Scope

This policy applies to the sale, rental, lease, easement and encroachment of municipally-owned property, whether as a result of tax sale, through the normal disposition of property, or requests for other land uses, such as renting, leasing, encroaching, etc.

No person or business, including the shareholders of a business, who has been in tax registration in the Town of Kirkland Lake within the past ten years, shall be permitted to purchase or offer to purchase, rent or lease or use any municipally-owned property. This ten-year period begins on the date that a tax arrears certificate has been registered against the title to any property owned by this person or business (Section 373(i) Municipal Act.)

No person or business, including the shareholders of a business, who is in arrears on property taxes and/or any other outstanding accounts owed to the Town of Kirkland Lake, shall be permitted to purchase or offer to purchase, rent, lease, or use any municipally-owned property.

4. Definitions

Not Applicable

5. Policy & Procedures

Application

- a. The Treasurer shall maintain a running list of:
 - Individuals and incorporated businesses who have been in tax registration in the Town of Kirkland Lake within the past ten years. In the case of incorporated businesses, the list shall include the names of all shareholders.
 - Individuals and incorporated businesses who are currently in arrears on property taxes and/or any other outstanding accounts owing to the Town of Kirkland Lake.
- b. The Clerk shall ensure that the name of any individual or business placing an offer on municipally-owned property is checked against this list.
- c. Any person or incorporated business, including shareholders of that business, placing an offer on, or requesting to enter into an agreement for use, a municipally-owned property and found to be on such list maintained by the Treasurer, will be notified in writing that he/she is not permitted to make an offer on this or any other municipally-owned property at this time.
- d. None of these clauses shall be applied in a manner inconsistent with the purpose or scope of this policy.

6. Summary

Not Applicable