

# **MUNICIPAL UPDATE**

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#### COUNCIL

#### **APRIL 2024 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

April 2 4:40 pm Regular Meeting

**April 4** 4:40 pm *Public Meetings: Public* 

Consultation on the 2024 Budget, Water and Wastewater Rates, and the User Fees & Charges.

**Please Note:** These meetings are for comments on budget dollars only; they are NOT a public forum divestiture decision of Council of the Sir Harry Oakes Château. Please contact the Clerk's Office, visit <u>kirklandlake.ca</u> and/or the Town's Facebook page for more info.

**April 9** 4:40 pm *Special Meeting: Commencement* 

of 2024 Budget deliberations.

**April 11** 4:40 pm Special Meeting: Continuation of

2024 Budget deliberations (if

needed).

April 16 4:40 pm Regular Meeting

April 25 4:40 pm Special Meeting: 2024 Town

Budget for approval.

### Acting Mayor (April): Councillor Casey Owens



#### Council Decisions - March 5, 2024

The following is a summary of actions and decisions from Council at its Regular Meeting held March 5, 2024. A recording of the meeting can be viewed on the Town's YouTube channel. If you have any questions or would like further explanation, please contact the Municipal Clerk at 705-567-9361 Ext.238 or email clerk@tkl.ca.

**NOTE:** all Council Reports are available for viewing within the corresponding meeting Agenda.

- Council approved all minutes in relation to their public and regular meetings on February 20, 2024, and those as presented by Committees of Council, and regional/local Boards.
- Council received a 2023 Year in Review (Highlights) Report for the Corporation.
- Council received <u>information</u> on general housekeeping amendments required to the By-Law Establishing Remuneration Adjustment for Non-Union Employees. The updated by-law will be considered for passage on March 19, 2024.
- Council approved the request to extend the 2023-2024 Winter Ice Season to April 4, 2024.

**Note:** Persons or User Groups interested in booking ice time during available time slots should contact the Complex at 705-567-5215.

- Council resolved to support that Administration prepare an Information Report by the end of Q2 2024 that explores the possibility of introducing water meters for all new residential and commercial construction in Kirkland Lake, and the possibility and feasibility of having existingresidential customers participate in a voluntary Water Metering Program.
- Council resolved to support that Administration prepare an Information Report by the end of Q2 2024 that explores the possibility of introducing a summer outdoor water consumption by-law, and an accompanying educational program to encourage residents in Kirkland Lake to improve water usage behaviours in order to reduce the overall water consumption.
- Council passed the 2024 Municipal Water and Wastewater Rates By-Law.

Note: The 2024 Rates take effect on April 1, 2024.

- Council passed the by-law authorizing the signing of the <u>Facility Use Agreement</u> with Team Northern Throttle For Family Events for the use of the Kirkland Lake Airport to host their 2024 Drag Race events.
- Mayor Stacy Wight brought the following Notices of Motion to be considered on March 19,2024:
  - Amendments to the OHSA to Clarify the Definition of Employer (City of GreaterSudbury);
  - Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario (Town of Lincoln); and
  - Need for Complex Passes for a Local Entity.

#### Council Decisions - March 19, 2024

The following is a summary of actions and decisions from Council at its Regular Meeting held March 19, 2024. A recording of the meetings can be viewed on the Town's YouTube channel. If you have any questions or would like further explanation, please contact the Municipal Clerk at 705-567-9361 x.238 or email clerk@tkl.ca.

**NOTE**: all Reports are available for viewing within the corresponding meeting <u>Agenda</u>.

- Council approved all minutes in relation to their regular meeting on March 5, 2024, and those as presented by Committees of Council, and Regional/Local Boards.
- Council deferred discussions on the 2024 Corporate Business Plan to the April 2, 2024 Regular Meeting.
- Council received the <u>2024 Budget as tabled</u> and directed that a <u>Public Meeting</u> be held on April 4, 2024 at 4:40 PM (directly after the 2024 Budget Public Meeting) surrounding the proposed increases to the Water and Wastewater Rates.

**Note:** Those interested in participating at the Public Meeting virtually must contact the Municipal Clerk to obtain meeting credentials.

• Council amended the <u>2024 Budget Schedule</u> to have the final budget presented for approval on April 25, 2024.

**Note**: All up-to-date info on this year's Budget is available on the Town's Website.

 Council received the <u>2024 Proposed User Fees</u> and Charges and directed that a <u>Public Meeting</u> be held on April 4, 2024 at 4:40 PM.

**Note:** Those interested in participating at the Public Meeting virtually must contact the Municipal Clerk to obtain meeting credentials.

- Council received the 2023 Summary of Remuneration and Expenses for Board Members and Elected Officials.
   Council Expense Reports for this Term can be viewed on the Town's Website.
- Council approved to adopt <u>CNCL-2024-001 Council</u> <u>Remuneration Policy</u> taking effect on January 1, 2025.
- Council received and accepted the <u>2023 Annual/Summary Reports</u> for the Kirkland Lake Drinking Water System. The public can view the Report in print during regular business hours at the Public Works' Office (1 Dunfield Rd.), and at Town Hall (3 Kirkland St. W.).
- Council received an <u>Information Report</u> on Annual Clean-Up Week.
- Council awarded the RFP for Integrity Commissioner (IC)
   Services for Council and its Local Agencies, Boards, and
   Commissions to Boghosian + Allen LLP; the appointment
   By-Law for David G. Boghosian, Managing Partner will be
   presented to Council on April 16, 2024. The new Integrity
   Commissioner's term starts on April 21, 2024 and will run
   through to November 30, 2026; updated contact
   information will be published on the Town's Website at this
   time.
- Council resolved to support the <u>City of Greater Sudbury</u> regarding Amendment to the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) to clarify the definition of Employer.
- Council resolved to support the <u>Town of Lincoln</u> regarding the urgent need for increased funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario.

#### Council Decisions - March 19, 2024 Continued...

- Mayor Wight withdrew her Motion entitled "Need for Complex Passes for a Local Entity".
- Council passed the <u>updating</u> <u>by-law</u> authorizing the establishment of remuneration adjustments for Non-Union Employees.
- Mayor Wight brought notice of a Motion for the Letter of Understanding/Memorandum of Agreement with Beaverhouse First Nation to be considered on April 2, 2024.
- Councillor Kiely brought notice of a Motion for Communication Process with Integrity Commissioner to be considered on April 2, 2024.
- The Mayor proclaimed the following:
  - March 26, 2024 as "International Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness"; and
  - April 2, 2024 as "World Autism Day" in the Town of Kirkland Lake.
- Council resolved to cancel the Lease Agreement between the Town and the Ontario Heritage Trust, divesting itself from its interest for the property located at 2 Château Drive, commonly known as Sir Harry Oakes Château, and operating as the Museum of Northern History, effective December 31, 2024. Council also approved engaging the services of WSCS Consultants Inc. to provide options on the transformation of culture services in the Town of Kirkland Lake. View the Town's Media Release for more details.
- Council authorized the CAO to execute a sole source agreement with EXP Services Inc. in the sum of \$554,090,00 + HST, being fully funded by partnership, to complete engineering and design of Town water infrastructure rehabilitation in central Kirkland Lake. Council further authorized the submission of an application to the <u>Housing-Enabling Water Systems Funds</u>.
- Council declared the North Parts of Part Mining Claim L1354 & L6787 as surplus land and authorized the sale of both Mining Claims on Archer Drive to the Temiskaming Native Women's Support Group for the sum of \$5.00 in the name of Reconciliation.

# Municipal Facilities will be CLOSED Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1 for the





#### **MARCH PRESS / MEDIA RELEASES**

Please click on the following links to view the Press/Media Releases for the month of March.

- Flags at Half Mast in Honour of Gordon Stonehouse
- International Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness



#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

In the Matter of the:

- Proposed 2024 Budget (Operating, Capital, Water & Wastewater)
- 2. Proposed 2024 User Fees & Charges
- 3. Proposed Increase to Municipal Water and Wastewater Rate

The Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake will hold three (3) Public Meetings on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 4:40 PM, consecutively, to receive comments related to the proposed 2024 Town Budget, including Operating, Capital, Water & Wastewater; the proposed 2024 User Fees & Charges (implementation of a new fee or changes/increases to fees); and further increases to Municipal Water and Wastewater Rates.

PLEASE NOTE: these meetings will allow for public comments either in-person in the Council Chambers located at 3 Kirkland St. W, Kirkland Lake, or, alternatively, through electronic participation.

Any person wishing to participate electronically at these public meetings must contact the Municipal Clerk at <a href="mailto:clerk@tkl.ca">clerk@tkl.ca</a> or 705-567-9361 Ext. 238 to receive the meeting credentials.

Any written submissions and material in support of or in opposition to these matters are welcomed and will be received by the Municipal Clerk on or before the meeting.

All written submissions (including name and qualifying address) received in advance of the meetings will be provided to Council at the corresponding public meeting. Registered electronic participants will be provided with priority to speak and instructions on how to join the meeting(s) virtually.

Additional information relating to the Proposed 2024 Town Budget can be found on the Town's <u>Website</u>. or by viewing Item 6.2. entitled "<u>Operating and Capital Budget</u>" in the Council <u>Agenda</u> dated March 19, 2024;

Additional information relating to the Proposed amendments to the Town's User Fees and Charges can found by viewing Item 6.3 entitled "Proposed 2024 User Fees and Charges" in the Council Agenda dated March 19, 2024; and

Additional information relating to the Proposed Water and Wastewater Rates viewing Item 6.2. entitled "Operating and Capital Budget" in the Council Agenda dated March 19, 2024.

All of the information is available for inspection at Town Hall (3 Kirkland St. W.) during regular business hours, being Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, save and except statutory holidays, as posted.

Dated and first published at the Town of Kirkland Lake this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

Jennifer Montreuil, Dipl. M.A. Municipal Clerk



#### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TOWN OF KIRKLAND LAKE, ONTARIO PROCLAMATION

#### **WORLD AUTISM DAY**

~ APRIL 2, 2024 ~

**WHEREAS** World Autism Day will be recognized on April 2, 2024, in Canada thanks to Senator Jim Munson's Bill S-206, An Act Respecting World Autism Awareness Day;

AND WHEREAS Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 135,000 Ontarians. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurodevelopmental disorder affecting 1 in every 66 Canadian children, as well as their friends, family, and community; and approximately 1 - 2% of the Canadian population is on the autism spectrum;

AND WHEREAS ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means it not only manifests itself differently in every individual in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of each person as well. A child on the autism spectrum will become an adult on the autism spectrum;

AND WHEREAS Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Since 1973, Autism Ontario has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals across the province;

AND WHEREAS Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact. The association and its Regions share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Stacy Wight, Mayor of The Town of Kirkland Lake, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2024 as:

"WORLD AUTISM DAY"

in the Town of Kirkland Lake.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the corporation to be affixed.

Mayor Stacy Wight
Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TOWN OF KIRKLAND LAKE, ONTARIO
PROCLAMATION

# INTERNATIONAL PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS

~ MARCH 26, 2024 ~

**WHEREAS** Purple Day is celebrated on March 26 annually, during Epilepsy Awareness Month, to increase knowledge and understanding of epilepsy;

AND WHEREAS Purple Day was founded in 2008 by Cassidy Megan, a nine-year-old girl from Nova Scotia who wanted people living with epilepsy to know that they were not alone;

**AND WHEREAS** on Purple Day, people in communities around the world are encouraged to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy awareness;

AND WHEREAS Epilepsy affects over 95,000 people in Ontario, with 30% living with uncontrolled seizures, and 6000 new diagnoses every year. Over 380,000 people in Canada and over 65 million people worldwide are living with epilepsy;

AND WHEREAS the onset of epilepsy can occur at any stage of life and does not discriminate;

AND WHEREAS Purple Day can improve the quality of life of people living with epilepsy, create a society that embraces the beauty of difference and help us understand how we can all come together to make the world a better place.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Stacy Wight, Mayor of The Town of Kirkland Lake, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2024 as:

"INTERNATIONAL PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY AWARENESS"

in the Town of Kirkland Lake.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the corporation to be affixed.

Mayor Stacy Wight
Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024

#### **TREASURY**

#### **2024 INTERIM TAX BILLING**

2<sup>ND</sup> INSTALLMENT DUE DATE: **APRIL 18, 2024** 

If you have not yet received your Interim Tax Bill, please contact 705-567-9361 Ext. 229

# TKL EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



#### MEET OUR CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

Courtney Nylund has demonstrated outstanding commitment and knowledge in her field, making invaluable contributions to our team. Not only has Courtney proven that she can foster a culture of accountability and excellence within our organization, but she has also recently obtained her Chief Building Official certification. Courtney continues to raise the bar and we are very proud to have her as part of the Development and Enterprise Services team.

Congratulations Courtney!

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **EASTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**Waste & Recycling Collection and Landfill Site** 



The Kirkland Lake Landfill will be closed on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Waste and recycling collection for **Friday**, **March 29**<sup>th</sup> will occur as regularly scheduled.

Waste Collection for **Monday, April 1**<sup>st</sup> will be collected on <u>Tuesday, April 2</u><sup>nd</sup>. Please leave your carts out, as there may be delays to the collection.



Blue Box Recycling
Next collection weeks:
April 8 – April 12
April 22 - April 26



Visit: kirklandlake.ca

#### PARKS & RECREATION



# Happy Easter

THE COMPLEX WILL BE CLOSED: GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29TH EASTER MONDAY APRIL 1ST

Happy Easter from all of us at the Joe!





# SUMMER DAY camps

Ages 6 \$150/week \$42/day



Joe Mavrinac Community Complex
\*Camps will also visit our outdoor recreational amenities

## WEEK LONG CAMPS

**July July Oug** 8-12 22-26 12-16





IN-PERSON OR PHONE ONLY

705-567-5215

CHILDREN MUST BE AT LEAST 6 AT THE TIME OF THE CAMP AND MUST BE ABLE TO PALL THE FACILITY SWIM TEXT. WHILE WE DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE DIVERSE NEEDS, OUT PROGRAM MAY NOT BE SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN REQUIRING INDIVIDUALIZED BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT.



## SINGLE DAY CAMPS

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July 31 Clug 7

Sample Day 8:15 - 9 AM - Drop-off 9 - 10:15 AM - Field Games & Sports 10:15 - 10:30 AM - Snack 10:30 - 11:15 AM - Arts & Crafts 11:15 - 12 PM - Games/Jeopardy 12 - 12:45 PM - Lunch 1 - 2:30 PM - Open Swim 2:45 - 3 PM - Snack

3 - 4 PM - Science Experiment / Hike 4 - 4:45 PM - Pick-up

#### **MUSEUM OF NORTHERN HISTORY**

15th juried
Contemporary Art Exhibition







Contemporary Art Committee
International Guest Artist

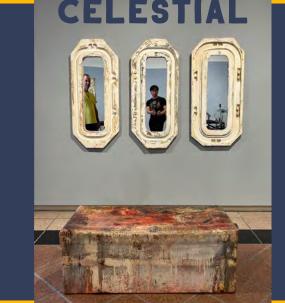
# GLIMPSE INTO ABSTRACTION



Museum of Northern History: Opening reception: April 6th, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. 2 Chateau Drive, Kirkland Lake, ON

# SUBMERGED CELESTIAL

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#### DORY PERDOMO

Propeller Gallery, Friday March 22, 6:00 to 7:30 PM Temiskaming Art Gallery, April 4, 12:00 to 1:30 PM Museum of Northern History, April 6, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM Georgian College, April 8 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM





