

Council Decisions – June 4, 2024

The following is a summary of actions and decisions from Council at its Regular Meeting held [June 4, 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 Reports are available for viewing within the corresponding meeting [Agenda](#).

- Council approved the [Minutes](#) of their Regular Meeting held on May 21, 2024, and those as presented by Committees of Council and Regional/Local Boards.
- Council received the 2023 Public Sector Accounting Board [Reconciliation](#).
- Council received an [information report](#) on a proposed Pedestrian Crosswalk (PXO) related to the Connecting Links Project Funding (2023-2024). Council further approved the location and amendments to Table F and Schedule F of the Town's Parking By-Law, as amended, to incorporate a PXO on the west side of the intersection at Burnside Drive and Highway 66. Lastly, Council approved the installation of a new 85m long sidewalk to direct pedestrian traffic from the PXO northerly to the Toburn intersection of Burnside Drive.

Note: Residents are invited to provide written comments in relation to the Pedestrian Crosswalk and sidewalk design until June 18, 2024. For more details, view the official [Notice](#) on the Town's website. The Parking By-Law amendment will be presented for three readings on June 18, 2024.

- Council received a [public report](#) and authorized (by [by-law](#)) the disposition of land for the Property located at 185 Pollock Street as per the circulated [Notice](#).
- Council deemed Lots 116 and 117 of Registered Plan M-140 not to be Registered on a Plan of Subdivision ([772 & 776 Government Road West](#))

Note: The corresponding Deeming By-Law will be presented for three readings on June 18, 2024.

- Council received an information report on the municipality's Operational Key Performance Indicators (O-KPIs) for the First Quarter of 2024.

Note: The 2024 Q1 Report and supplementary notes offering insight into the statistics can be viewed as part of the [Report to Council](#).

- Council authorized some general housekeeping of [official appointments](#) based on internal changes in personnel, succession and leaves of absence.

Note: updated by-laws will be presented for three readings on June 18, 2024.

- Council resolved to direct Administration:
 - to create a public survey for residents to determine the key areas of Town they wish for inclusion in potential annual community beautification and anti-littering projects;
 - to investigate incentives for adherence to the Town's Property Standards and Community Standards By-Laws;
 - to create an annual schedule identifying the annual Town works conducted that adds to the beautification of the community, including but not limited to, changing municipal banners, placing floral displays in the downtown core, culvert/catchment basin clearing, lawn mowing, and municipal participation in community-led clean-up initiatives; and
 - to present corporate branding and by-laws to ensure that the community is welcoming, aesthetically pleasing, and is the "*Right Environment*" for all who live, work and play in Kirkland Lake.

- Council resolved to direct Administration:
 - to conduct a public survey to obtain feedback and comments on permitting backyard chickens in urban residential areas and rural residential areas within the jurisdiction of the Town of Kirkland Lake; and
 - to present an information report including legislative authority, zoning, enforcement, the public survey results, best practices from other municipalities, and comments from consultation with local public health authorities, and Ontario's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for additional feedback and recommendations.
- Council resolved to direct Administration:
 - to facilitate a meeting with concerned citizen members (identifying as: The Oakes Project: Heritage, Arts and Tourism [TOPHAT]) and the Ontario Heritage Trust; and
 - to continue participating in previously established meetings with outside entities on behalf of The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake.
- Councillor Dickens deferred her Motion re Fire Organizational Review.
- Councillor Shaba withdrew his Motion for Alternate External Source of Museum Funding.
- Council authorized (by [by-law](#)) the execution of a sponsorship agreement with The Kirkland Lake Curling Club in order to accept grant funding from The Temiskaming Foundation.
- Council authorized (by [by-law](#)) the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Timiskaming Health Unit for the performance of work described in Section 7.0 Statement of Work identified in the District-Wide Community Safety and Well Being Plan (CSWBP).
- The Mayor proclaimed June 7, 2024 as "[Hope Air Day](#)" in the Town of Kirkland Lake.
- The Mayor proclaimed June 15, 2024 as "[Elder Abuse Awareness Day](#)" in the Town of Kirkland Lake.
- The Mayor proclaimed June 21, 2024 as "[Indigenous Peoples Day](#)" in the Town of Kirkland Lake.
- The Mayor proclaimed June 27, 2024 as "[Canadian Multiculturalism Day](#)" in the Town of Kirkland Lake.
- Council resolved to cancel the sale of municipally-designated surplus lands with Property Rehab Inc. and reinstate the following as available to the public for purchase:
 - 3 McKelvie Ave.,
 - 7 Main St.,
 - 9 Main St.;
 - 11 Comfort St.,
 - 15 Comfort St.,
 - 70 Balsam Ave.,
 - 72 Balsam Ave., and
 - 13 Balsam Ave..