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KIRKLAND LAKE COUNCIL PASSES THE 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

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Kirkland Lake, ON

At their meeting on April 18, 2023, the Council of The Town of Kirkland Lake passed its 2023 Budget that includes a Tax Levy of approximately \$11.8 million dollars on an overall net Operating Budget of just over \$18 million dollars and includes an increase in the Residential Tax Rate of 3.6% over last year. For the average assessed residential property, the monthly increase translates to approximately \$6 per month over the prior year.

Mayor Wight states, *“Kirkland Lake faced a challenge coming into the 2023 Budget process given the frozen property assessments and inflationary pressures. The 2023 Budget focuses on necessary projects and planning for our Community’s future. We managed to approve the 2023 Budget with a tax increase that enables us to continue to provide our residents and business community with the services they expect from the Town of Kirkland Lake.”*

The approved budget allows The Town of Kirkland Lake to provide continued support to its partners including the District of Timiskaming Social Services & Administration Board, the Ontario Provincial Police, Teck Centennial Public Library, the Museum of Northern History, as well as the Timiskaming Health Unit. Included in the 2023 Budget is the use of approximately \$2.38 million dollars in Reserves to help reduce the impact of taxes on the residents and businesses by offsetting costs primarily driven by inflationary pressures.

Budget Highlights:

The 2023 Operating Budget includes costs to perform routine operations and deliver Council’s authorized service levels to the Community. The municipality continues to invest in the Community by committing funds to conduct an Economic Development and Tourism Strategy and develop a new Corporate Strategic Plan. Funds have also been earmarked for the purchase of a new Dispatch System for the Fire & Emergency Services Department, contracted services to engage a Planning Consultant, and funds to support surveying for property development.

The 2023 Capital Budget is approximately \$5.1 million dollars and will allow the Town to continue making community investments in infrastructure including:

- \$350,000.00 for a new front-end loader for Public Works;

- \$676,704.00 for Asphalt Replacement;
- \$149,650.00 in municipal contributions for 2023 for Community Complex Upgrades, total project \$2,992,990.00 - 80% Federal Funding over 4 years;
- \$500,000.00 for a used Aerial Firetruck;
- \$135,000.00 for the Elevator Modernization Upgrade at the Town Hall;
- \$906,636.00 for Water and Wastewater replacement, maintenance, and upgrades; and
- \$90,584.00 for the design of a full reconstruction of Taylor Avenue (construction costs will be included in budget for 2024), etc.

By prioritizing essential projects that focus on planning for the future, this allows The Town of Kirkland Lake to grow in an effective and fiscally responsible manner.

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