

January 26, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: Motion – Request to Establish a Guaranteed Livable Income Program

At its meeting of January 24, 2024, the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake resolved the following:

*“Moved by: Mayor Stacy Wight
Seconded by: Councillor Rick Owen*

WHEREAS Kirkland Lake residents and those across the province on programs such as Ontario Works, receive targeted fixed monthly incomes of \$733, and ODSP recipients receive \$1,376;

AND WHEREAS the current Ontario minimum wage rate for a person working 37.5 hours per week will earn approximately \$2,500 monthly (before tax);

AND WHEREAS in accordance with The Temiskaming Foundation's 2021 Vital Signs Report, in the District of Timiskaming, up to 15% are living on low income (less than \$36,000 a year after taxes);

AND WHEREAS the median rent for a one-bedroom apartment in the Town of Kirkland Lake in accordance with the District of Timiskaming Social Services and Administration Board for 2023 \$1,513 a month;

AND WHEREAS according to Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), rent is considered attainable when it is no more than 30% of gross annual income and the number of people receiving government benefits has increased to a level above the provincial average in the District of Timiskaming;

AND WHEREAS as of September 2023, there are 348 persons on the Social Services wait list for subsidized housing, with 5 persons on special priority, in the Town of Kirkland Lake;

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AND WHEREAS, in accordance with the Kirkland Lake Salvation Army, Food Bank use is up 37% in the Town of Kirkland Lake, and as many as 782 residents experience food insecurity over a year's time;

AND WHEREAS District-wide collected data of housing and poverty statistics, and continuing to examine the pending economic vulnerability as a result, is important in establishing a livable income;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Kirkland Lake join other municipalities in the District of Timiskaming to urge the Federal and Provincial governments to establish a Guaranteed Livable Income Program;

AND THAT this motion be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, the Member of Parliament for Timmins-James Bay, the Member of Provincial Parliament for Timiskaming-Cochrane;

AND FINALLY THAT this motion be circulated to all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO), and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM). ***CARRIED***”.

As so directed, a copy of Council’s resolution has been supplied for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,



Jennifer Montreuil
Municipal Clerk

Data Source(s):

- Temiskaming Foundation: [2021 Vital Signs Report](#)
- [Invest Assistant](#) - Town of Kirkland Lake EDC (discoverkl.ca)
- DTSSAB, including information supplied at the September 2023 housing meeting
- Kirkland Lake Salvation Army