



Town of Kirkland Lake  
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### **Municipal Jurisdiction**

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Population: 8,248

Municipal Highlights: The Town of Kirkland Lake was incorporated in 1919. It is comprised of three townships (Teck, Bernhardt, Morrissette) and it is considered a rural/urban setting. It is located in northeastern Ontario and is accessed by highway 66. Originally, the town was a gold mining community. Today, its economy is driven by the mining, forestry and government services sectors. The town is administered by a CAO system with four departments (Community Services, Corporate Services, Economic Development & Tourism and Physical Services).

### **Consultation Activities**

The Group consulted with Rick Emms (Councillor) and Brad Sherratt (member of the former municipal access awareness group).

### **Plan Development Working Group**

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## **PRESENT ACCESSIBILITY TO TOWN FACILITIES**

The Town of Kirkland Lake has always prided itself in its efforts to make municipal buildings and activities accessible. However, with the declining tax base there is a financial limit to our capabilities. This plan is a result of departments seeking accessibility improvements within our present budget constraints.

### **Department of Corporate Services**

The Department of Corporate Services is responsible for the Clerk's, Treasury, Fire & Police divisions of the town. This contact information is as follows:

3 Kirkland Street  
Kirkland Lake ON P2N 3P4  
PH: 705-567-9361

Clerk and Treasury is located at 3 Kirkland Street

Barrier	Barrier Type	Strategies
Entrance	Architectural	Self opening doors
Floors	Architectural	Elevator provides access to all floors

W.G. Taylor Fire Hall is located at 8 O'Meara

Barrier	Barrier Type	Strategies
Entrance	Architectural	Can accommodate wheelchairs on main floor, but second floor is not open to the public.

Police Station is located at 26 Duncan Avenue

Barrier	Barrier Type	Strategies
Entrance	Architectural	Has self-opening door and is wheelchair accessible.

### **Department of Community Services**

The Department of Community Services is responsible for the soft services in town such as Recreation Division, Library, and Daycare. Each division has their own facility.

Recreation is located in the Joe Mavrinc Community Complex on Allen Avenue

Barrier	Barrier Type	Strategies
Entrance	Architectural	Ramp to main doors
Floors	Architectural	Elevator allows access to bottom floor
Pool	Attitudinal	Special stairs for pool; integrated and segregated options to aquatic programs
Kids Day Camp	Attitudinal	Provide trained assistants for children with disabilities

Daycare is located at 117 Queen Street

Barrier	Barrier Type	Strategies
Staff	Attitudinal	Resource program enables physical, mental, emotional, cognitive children
Entrance	Architectural	Building is one level and has ramp to front door
Bathrooms	Architectural	One bathroom is wheelchair accessible
Playground	Architectural	Ground covered to all wheelchairs/walkers

Teck Centennial Library is located at 10 Kirkland Street East

Barrier	Barrier Type	Strategies
Books	Physical	Large print books and books on tape
Main Entrance	Architectural	Ramp and self-opening door

### **Economic Development & Tourism**

Economic Development & Tourism is responsible for the Museum of Northern History.

Museum of Northern History is located in the Sir Harry Oakes Chateau at 2 Chateau Drive

Barrier	Barrier Type	Strategies

Entrance	Architectural	Main entrance has a ramp
Floors	Architectural	Elevator allows access to all floors

### **Teck Pioneer Residence**

Teck Pioneer Residence is located at 145A Government Road East

Barrier	Barrier Type	Strategies
Washroom	Architectural	All are wheelchair accessible
Entrances	Architectural	Main entrance is wheelchair accessible
Floors	Architectural	Two elevators with Braille provide access to all floors

### **Department of Physical Services**

The Department of Physical Services is responsible for the roads, water, sewer, solid waste, airport, cemetery, planning and engineering. They are located at 1 Dunfield Road. The building is presently totally inaccessible.

Barrier	Barrier Type	Strategies
Cemetery Vault	Architectural	New entrance at grade allowing access
Sidewalk curbs	Architectural	All new sidewalk curbs have been cut for a number of years
Snow Removal	Physical	Sidewalk snow removal machine allows access during winter

## **BARRIERS IDENTIFIED FOR FUTURE COMPLETION**

### **Department of Corporate Services**

Barrier	Barrier Type	Removal/Prevention Strategy	Status	Constraints
Printed Material	Communicational	Minimum of 10 point size for a public printed material	Ongoing	
Washroom	Architectural	Create a washroom for the physical disabled at Town Hall	Future	Financial

### **Teck Pioneer Residence**

Barrier	Barrier Type	Removal/Prevention Strategy	Status	Constraints
Garden Walkway	Architectural	Placing Paving Stones throughout the Garden	2008	Under Construction

### **Department of Community Services**

#### Recreation

Barrier	Barrier Type	Removal/Prevention Strategy	Status	Constraints
Skating	Attitudinal	Skating program for handicap	Planned	
Entrance	Architectural	Entrance doors are not self-opening	2008	Under Construction

#### Teck Centennial Library

Barrier	Barrier Type	Removal/Prevention Strategy	Status	Constraints
Lower Entrance	Architectural	Make ramp accessible	Planned	Financial

Daycare

Barrier	Barrier Type	Removal/Prevention Strategy	Status	Constraints
Entrance	Architectural	Entrance door is not self-opening	Future	Financial

**Economic Development & Tourism**

Presently, there is no future action planned regarding accessibility issues for this department.

**Department of Physical Services**

Barrier	Barrier Type	Removal/Prevention Strategy	Status	Constraints
Entrance	Architectural	Dedicated parking space; self-opening door; alter sidewalk	Planned	Financial
Airport Entrance	Architectural	Ramp; self-opening door; dedicated parking space	Future	No Air service
Sidewalk curbs	Architectural	Review disabled parking spaces to ensure curbs are cut	Planned	12 months
Snow Removal	Physical	Remove snow from designated disabled parking spaces	Ongoing	
Maintenance	Policy/practice	Annual maintenance program to review condition of curb cuts	Ongoing	
Cemetery	Architectural	Self-opening door; railings	Planned	Financial

### **Monitoring Review**

The senior management team of the Town of Kirkland Lake will meet on an annual basis to review the accessibility plan and to ensure that targets and future issues are constantly being considered as part of the planning and budgeting process. The accessibility plan will then be presented to Council in an open meeting ratification.