



Tax Policy Modernization FAQs

This FAQ has been provided to help clear up some of the confusion:

1. What is the meeting for on 14 November 2017?

- a. An opportunity for property owners across all of Kirkland Lake to come hear a presentation and have input.
- b. No decisions will be made at this meeting.

2. Does this only affect property owners of Harvey Kirkland, Bernhardt & Morrisette?

- a. No, it will affect everyone in Swastika, Chaput Hughes, Kirkland Lake in addition to those in Harvey Kirkland, Bernhardt & Morrisette.

3. How will it affect everyone?

- a. Tax policy looks at the equity in the way property taxes are distributed.
- b. Currently we have 3 separate neighbourhoods that pay different taxes and receive different levels of municipal services:
 - i. Chaput Hughes, Swastika, Kirkland Lake - taxed at 100%
 - ii. Harvey Kirkland - taxed at 100%
 - iii. Bernhardt & Morrisette - taxed at 35%

4. Is this a way for the town to make extra money?

- a. No absolutely not
- b. This is about redistributing the property tax burden in a fair and equitable manner across Bernhardt, Morrisette, Chaput Hughes, Swastika, Kirkland Lake and Harvey Kirkland.

5. Why are we reviewing this now?

- a. It's been 33 years since the annexation of Bernhardt & Morrisette townships and a lot of changes have been made in legislation, funding of services and individual neighbourhoods.

6. This is all confusing to me, where can I learn more and provide my suggestions?

- a. Come to the open house at **6pm on Tuesday, 14 November 2017 at Heritage North**

7. Who will make the final decision?

- a. Town Council (sometime in December or January)

8. How can I speak to town council?

- a. In December, Council will hear a report about this. Please ensure you check the Council agendas for this report and register as a delegate to speak to council directly.

9. How do I register to delegate and speak to council in December about this?

- a. Contact the Town Clerk at clerk@tkl.ca or at 705.567.9361 ext. 238.

10. How do I get more information, who can I speak to about this?

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