BNAPEX 2024 Kingston Accommodation at SLC
Updated: 21 March 2024

Accommodations at St. Lawrence College Residence

Considering accommodation in the Kingston area for the convention?

We recommend giving the St. Lawrence College Residence a look!

You have the opportunity to experience a modern college student residence, right next to the convention centre – and save some serious money, to spend on philatelic material.

Kingston's St. Lawrence College ("SLC") operates its own student residence, which will largely be unoccupied during the BNAPEX convention period. SLC has engaged a private organization, Campus Living Centres ("CLC"), to market unused SLC residence rooms to the public.

For the nights from Thursday, 22 August 2024, to Sunday, 25 August 2024, inclusive, CLC will hold a block of rooms for reservation by BNAPS members. The cost is Cdn $89 + taxes per night.

All rooms have two <u>twin</u> beds and a private bathroom. A member who reserves a room is free to have another person (partner or other BNAPS member) share the room at no additional charge.
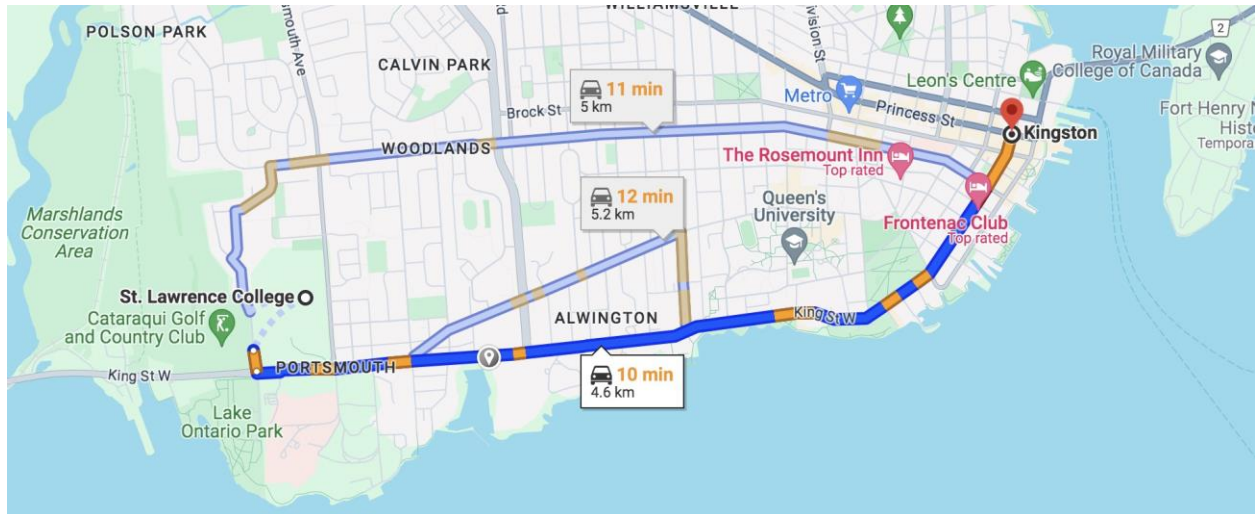
These rates are a considerable saving over the summer tourist season rates at Kingston's downtown hotels.

Directions to St. Lawrence College and the Residence

Saint Lawrence College, Kingston Campus
        100 Portsmouth Ave, Kingston K7L 5A6

For more information about the college, see:
https://www.stlawrencecollege.ca/campus/kingston

The campus is located at the west end of the city of Kingston. It is a 4.6 km drive from downtown Kingston, about 10 minutes.

Map data ©2024 Google

By car

From the east
- 2 hour drive from Ottawa (#417 to 416 to 401 to Sir John A. Macdonald Blvd.)
- 3 to 3.5 hour drive from Montreal airport (Quebec #20 then Ontario #401 to Sir John A. Macdonald Blvd.)

From the west
- 2.5 hour drive from Toronto (#401 to exit 613 to Sydenham Road/Kingston #9 to Portsmouth Ave.)
        (estimated toll on #407 completely across Greater Toronto about C$53)
        (note traffic on #401 through Toronto can be tough)

From New York
- 1 hour 15 minutes drive from Watertown NY (to #137 to 401W to Sir John A. Macdonald Blvd.)
- 4 hour drive from Buffalo on #401 or (#401 + 407)
        (estimated toll on #407 completely across Greater Toronto about C$53)
        (note traffic on #401 through Toronto can be tough)

By train

VIA Rail has service to Kingston from Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto and other points along the Quebec-Windsor corridor. The Kingston station is about 10 minutes by car to the St. Lawrence College campus.

By bus

megabus and FlixBus serve Kingston from many locations including Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto.
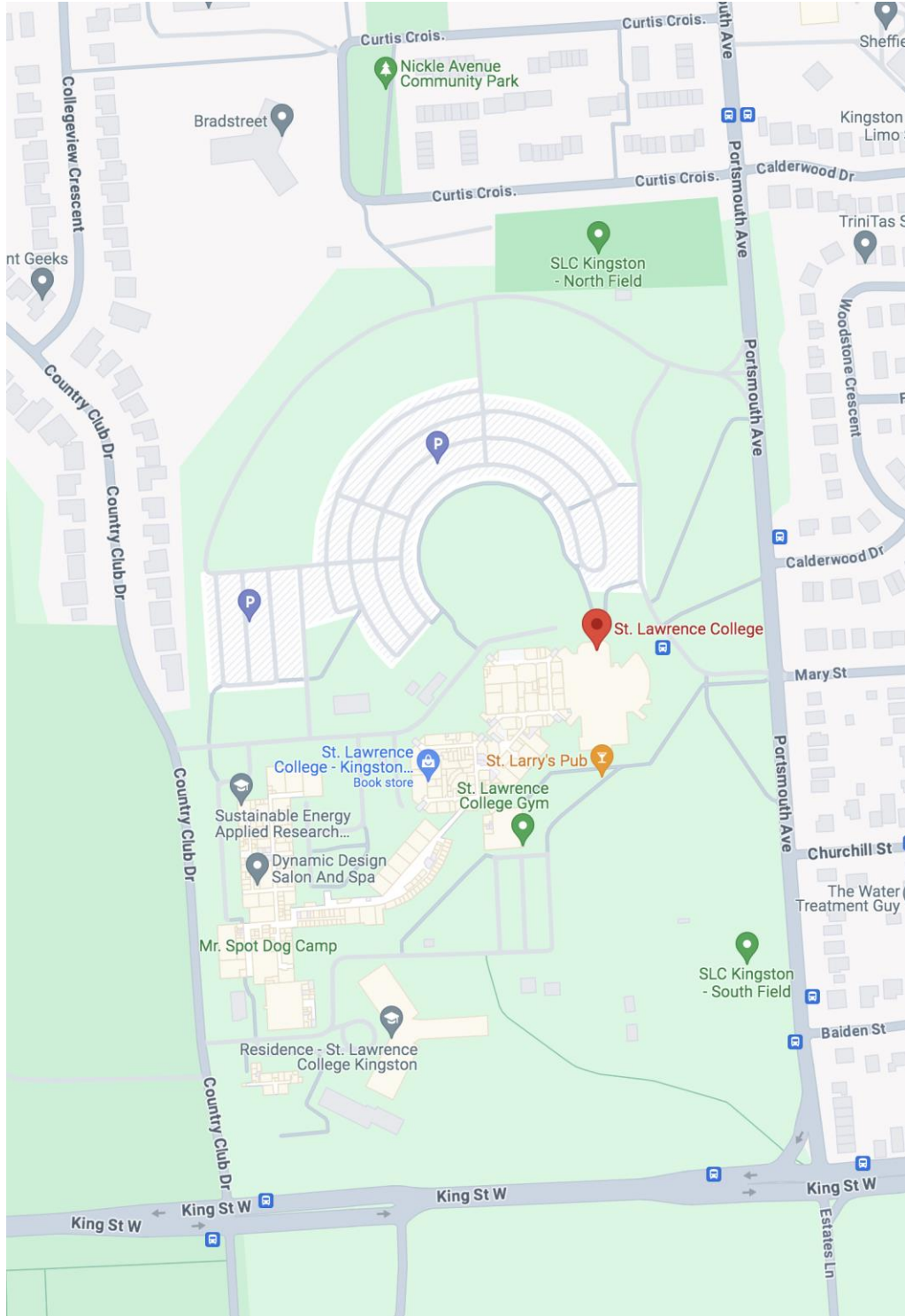
By air

The major airlines do not serve Kingston. The nearest major airport is the Toronto Pearson Airport.

To go from the airport to Kingston by rail, take the Union Pearson Express (UP Express) train to Union Station in downtown Toronto (train leaves every 15 minutes; journey is 25 minutes). At Union Station, take the VIA Rail train to Kingston.

To go from the airport to Kingston by bus, megabus has pick-up locations at the airport:
- Terminal 1 on the Ground level at Post P5
- Terminal 3 at Post C8

St. Lawrence College Campus

Map data ©2024 Google

The SLC **Residence** is located at the southwest corner of the campus.

St. Lawrence College – Residence & Conference Centre ("RCC")

23 Country Club Drive, Kingston ON K7M 9A4
613-544-6600
kingston@stayrcc.com

Enter the Residence area and residence parking lot at the southwest corner of the campus, at the first driveway from the south end (King Street West) – the entrance from north/south Portsmouth Ave. serves only the main SLC facility.

Map data ©2024 Google

There is an excellent **campus map** on the SLC website:

https://364599a3-cdn.agilitycms.cloud/Images/4%20visit/our-campuses-communities/kingston-campus/Kingston-Campus-Map-January-2022.pdf

The Rooms

The double rooms have two <u>twin</u> beds, each with a desk and separated at the far ends of the room. Between them, there is a bathroom, closet and storage/eating area.

The rooms offer air conditioning, Wi-Fi, local telephone, refrigerator, bed linens, bathroom towels and available luggage cart.

The Residence is an "accessible" multi-story building with elevator service. Mention any specific requests at time of reservation.

There are Residence room **virtual tours** on the Saint Lawrence College website. The Double Room tour is at (click on the arrow, then use the cursor to navigate): http://www.liberty360.ca/SLC/Kingston/v1.html?s=pano27248

Once you start viewing the room, a red bar will appear at the lower right corner and when you click on that, all the other virtual tours available at SLC will be shown for selection, including Residence Exterior and Residence Lounge. If you see the arrow appear again, clicking on it moves you to a different spot in the room.

Note that the online tour images show some equipment provided by student residents that will not be present during our convention at SLC. Here's a non-inclusive list of **what won't be in the rooms**:
- daily housekeeping (contact the front desk for extra towels/other needs)
- television, radio
- breakfast, lunch or dinner
- room service
- microwave
- dishes, cutlery
- bathtub (shower only)
- shampoo, soap
- hair dryer

It's not the Hilton Hotel! But it could be a "learning experience." Impress your grandchildren! And it's right at the convention centre.

And the price is right.

Booking

There is **no deposit** required at the time of reservation. A credit card is required to confirm the reservation, but payment will not be made until the time of checking in.

Our arrangement with CLC includes a set of **Terms** relating to our use of the accommodations. Members will be given a copy of these terms at the time of check-in, and will be expected to comply with them.

How to book a room

You can choose the arrival and departure dates: arrival on or after Thursday, 22 August, and departure on or before Monday, 26 August. The cost per night is $Cdn 89.00 + taxes. The number of rooms available is limited. The cut-off date to make a reservation is 22 July 2024.

A double occupancy room has two twin beds and a private bath. There are no single rooms available.

You must use the online form to book your room. The URL is:

https://stayrcc.com/locations/kingston/

- To the left of the red **Book Now** button on the online form, select the following:
  - Destination – enter Kingston.
  - Dates – Choose your arrival & departure dates on the calendar.
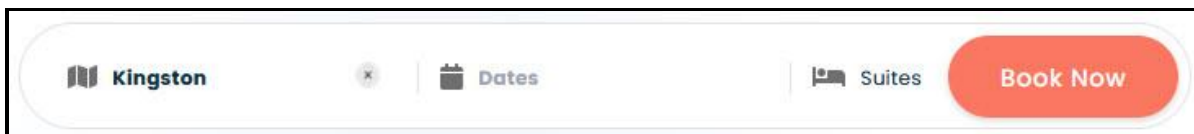 - Suites – Select 1

Illustration reproduced from the online booking form

- Click on the red **Book Now** button.
- On the next page, ignore the "Property is sold out ..." message. Click on **Have a promo code?**
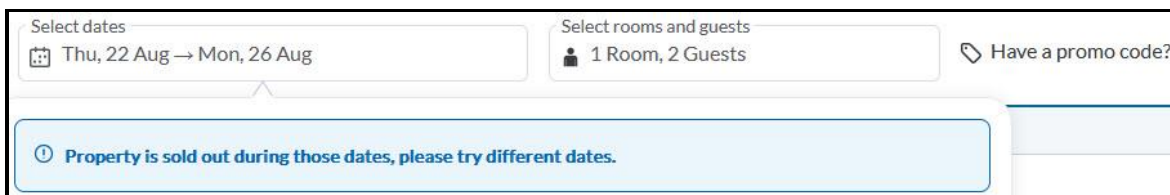

Illustration reproduced from the online booking form

- Enter the Promo Code **BNAPS** and click **Apply**.

- If you are alone, click on **1 Room, 2 Guests** to change the number of guests to 1.
- Review the **Room with 2 single beds** section for the list of amenities and the total price before taxes.
- Click on the blue **Select** button.
- Click on the **Book** button.
- Enter your contact details and planned arrival time.
- Enter credit card details and click on the **Book** button.

You will receive a confirming email from StayRCC for your reservation.

Cancellation

Reservations can be cancelled without charge up to one day before the arrival date. Otherwise, a charge of one day will be levied. Cancellations must be made by contacting the Residence receptionist at 613-544-6600 ext. 4999.

Arriving, Staying, Attending, Departing

Check-in

Members will arrive at the main door to the Residence and press the buzzer button. The 24-hour receptionist will answer, and ask for your name. You will be admitted and then provided with a package of information, including a key card for late entry to the Residence and entry to your room, and a code for the Residence parking lot. The BNAPEX 2024 information you require for the convention itself will be waiting for you when you arrive at the convention hall in the main SLC building.

Check-in begins at 3PM.

Parking

There are two parking lots at the SLC campus, one of which is reserved for those staying at the Residence. The Residence parking lot is restricted to authorized guests. Under the terms of our contract with SLC, there will be no parking charge for members who register for the convention.

For people attending the convention but not registered for it, the daily parking charge at the main parking lot is $8.50 per day, but parking is free on weekends.

You will need to download the "**Honk app**" onto your phone. If your technology is not up to that task, the receptionist will be able to program your phone manually - or provide you with an alternative method of accessing the parking lot. The Honk app will use the code you are assigned at Residence check-in to permit your vehicle to park there.

> For Apple:
> https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/honkmobile/id816255029
>
> For Android:
> https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.honkmobile

Attending

The convention takes place in the SLC main building, which is a 5 minute walk from the Residence main entrance. There will probably be a map in your check-in package, detailing the path to get there.

Check-out

Check-out is before 11 AM on your day of departure. You are expected to leave your room clean and tidy. There will NOT be a safe storage area available for luggage at the Residence after check-out.

Other Details

Food

Here are the food facilities available inside the SLC main building during the period of our convention:

    Café Hours   Monday to Friday
    Tim Horton's –   8:00am – 6:00pm
    Short Order –   8:00am – 6:00pm
    Grab N Go –   8:00am – 6:00pm
    Pita Pit –   11:00am – 2:00pm

We are advised the cafeteria will be closed on the weekend, but this may be subject to change.

There are many local eateries that will deliver to the SLC campus, and there are delivery services (such as Skip The Dishes, Uber Eats). Searching google maps and clicking on "nearby/restaurants" will provide a map with the choices highlighted.

Transportation

The SLC campus is a hub for the Kingston bus system – it's easy to get downtown. The adult fare is $3.25 per person.

The Honk app (it's required to access the parking at the Residence, and the separate parking for the SLC main parking lot) also serves to pay for parking in downtown Kingston.

Taxis to downtown charge $10 to $20, depending on the destination.

If you choose to drive your own vehicle downtown, the Honk app will display the parking lots available in your current area, and allow you to pay the rates for that specific lot.

Questions or Concerns

The Residence receptionist is available 24/7, and can be reached at 613-544-6600 ext.4999.