



Holiday Shopping Public Consultation

As directed by City Council on May 11, 2010, the City of Toronto is conducting public consultations regarding Holiday Shopping regulations.

As a member of one of Toronto's BIAs, you are invited to present your views on Holiday Shopping regulations at any of the five consultation meetings listed below:

Monday November 7, 2011
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Etobicoke Civic Centre
Committee Room 2
399 The West Mall
Toronto, ON M9C 2Y2

Wednesday November 23, 2011
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Toronto City Hall
2nd Floor, Committee Room 1
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Tuesday, November 15, 2011
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre
Committee Room 1
150 Borough Drive
Toronto, ON M1P 4N7

Tuesday, November 29, 2011
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
East York Civic Centre
Council Chambers
850 Coxwell Avenue
Toronto, ON M4C 5R1

Wednesday November 30, 2011
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
North York Civic Centre
Committee Room 2
5100 Yonge Street
Toronto, ON M2N 5V7

Pre-registration is not required.

Holiday Shopping Overview:

The City of Toronto, Municipal Code Chapter 510, generally requires retail stores to be closed on the following designated retail holidays:

New Year's Day;
Family Day;
Good Friday;
Easter Sunday;
Victoria Day;
Canada Day;
Labour Day;
Thanksgiving Day; and
Christmas Day.

However, there are a wide variety of exemptions by type of retail business and geographic areas within the City of Toronto.

Holiday Shopping Public Consultation Purpose:

The purpose of these meetings is to clarify concerns, opportunities and common ground with BIA stakeholders.

Options to be considered include:

- 1) Status quo. Maintain requirements for retail stores to close on Public Holidays with exemptions as currently permitted.
- 2) Remove restrictions and permit stores to be open on Public Holidays at the discretion of the owner/manager.
- 3) Identify specific geographic areas of the city to be exempted from Municipal Code Chapter 510.
- 4) Amend Municipal Code, Chapter 510 to permit retail areas to apply to the City for exemption.

Additional consultations with other stakeholders will be conducted through this process.

For further information: www.toronto.ca/business / email: holidaysshopping@toronto.ca

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