



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. The results of this consultation process will be summarized in a written report to Toronto City Council early in 2012.

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

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

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 29, 2011
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
East York Civic Centre
Committee Room A
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.
For further information: www.toronto.ca/business
email: holidayshopping@toronto.ca

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 gather input from 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.

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