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REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. - *PO3*

July 8, 2003

TO BE FAXED AND MAILED

The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario
L3Y 6Z1

Attention: Mr. Denis Kelly, regional Clerk

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Re: Retail Business Holiday Act Exemptions

Your correspondence of June 20, 2003, in reference to the above noted matter, was considered at the Council meeting held on July 7, 2003. Please be advised that the following resolution was passed in reference to the issue:

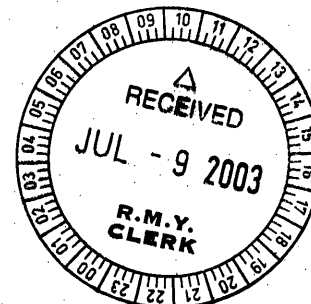
"WHEREAS Regional Council, at its June 12, 2003 meeting passed a motion that Staff be authorized to take the appropriate action to initiate the process set out in The Retail Business Holidays Act, including the giving of notice of a special meeting of Council in July, 2003, if necessary, so that Council can consider Region-wide exemption to the holiday provisions in the Act for the remainder of 2003 at the earliest possible time;

AND WHEREAS, the motion was passed in connection with consideration of Region-wide initiatives to address the loss of business revenues resulting from the SARS outbreak;

AND WHEREAS, notice has been published of the Regional Council's special meeting on July 17, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.;

AND WHEREAS, David Scott Ferguson of Queensville Antique Mall, 20091 Woodbine Avenue, Queensville has requested the following exemptions to the Retail Business Holidays Act: All except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.;

AND WHEREAS, Queensville Antique Mall complies with the provisions of the Retail Business Holidays Act - Ontario Regulation 711/91, Section 3, "Each retail business establishment that on days other than holidays normally uses a total area of 2,400 square feet or more for serving the public or normally has four or more employees serving the public must, in addition to meeting the tourism criteria set in subsection 2 (1) provide goods or services on holidays primarily to tourists.



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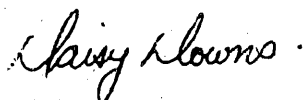
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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council makes an application to The Regional Municipality of York to exempt Queensville Antique Mall from the holiday provisions in the Retail Business Holidays Act."

I trust that this is the information you require to proceed.

Yours truly,



Daisy Downs
Deputy Clerk

/dd

c.c. Mr. David Scott Ferguson, Queensville Antique Mall



CORPORATE SERVICES COMMISSION
Clerk's Department

June 25, 2003

Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Sir:

**RE: EXEMPTION OF ALL RETAIL BUSINESSES IN TOWN
OF MARKHAM - SARS ECONOMIC RECOVERY (13.4 & 7.0)**

This will confirm that at the meeting of Council held on June 24, 2003, Clause 10, Report No. 42, was approved as follows:

Whereas Markham Council established a special Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Economic Recovery Task Force for the purpose of recommending an action plan promoting the economic recovery of Markham businesses negatively affected by the SARS outbreaks;

And Whereas the Task Force has consulted with the cross section of Markham business community in order to better understand the extent of the economic impact and to identify opportunities for government to assist in the economic recovery;

And Whereas the retail sector in Markham and across York Region has been significantly affected by the SARS outbreaks;

And Whereas the Region of York has the authority under the Retail Business Holidays Act to exempt retail business establishments from the requirement to close on statutory holidays;

And Whereas Regulation 711/91 permits such exemption for up to five holidays a year during which a fair, festival or other special event is being held in a municipality;

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Now Therefore, Be It Resolved That:

1. The Region of York be requested to exempt all retail businesses in the Town of Markham from the provisions of the Retail Business Holidays Act, pursuant to Regulation 711/01, for every statutory holiday after Canada Day, up to and including Thanksgiving, 2003, for the purposes of permitting fairs, festivals or other special events.
2. The Region of York be requested to exempt all retail businesses in all of the local municipalities in York Region from the provisions of the Retail Business Holidays Act, pursuant to Regulation 711/01, for every statutory holiday after Canada Day, up to and including Thanksgiving, 2003 for the purposes of permitting fairs, festivals or other special events.
3. The Region of York be requested to schedule a public meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Retail Business Holidays Act as soon as possible to commence the process to permit the exemption requested.
4. The Mayor and Council designate the Civic Holiday in August, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day as special celebratory events called "Shop and Celebrate Markham".

Sincerely,

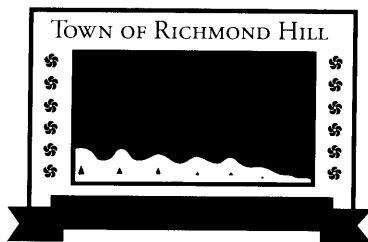


Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

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Mr. S. Chait, Director, Corporate Quality & Effectiveness
Ms. C. Conrad, Town Solicitor
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REGION OF YORK CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. - **6023**

→ Chair
CPO
Comm. of Corp. Services
L. Wilson

June 27, 2003

Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON
L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Re: Retail Business Holidays Act Exemptions - Town of Richmond Hill

Further to your correspondence of June 20, 2003, I am writing to advise that at its meeting of June 24, 2003, the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill passed the following resolution:

"That the Town of Richmond Hill request that the Council of the Regional Municipality of York pass a by-law under Section 4 (Tourism Exemption) of the *Retail Business Holidays Act* to allow businesses in Richmond Hill to open on the remaining holidays of 2003 with the exception of December 25, 2003.

Please note that while Town Council's resolution is not specific with regards to the geographic areas for which the exemption should apply, it is understood that the request for exemption is for all retail businesses which are impacted by tourism.

I would ask that you bring this matter to the attention of Regional Council at its July 17, 2003 Public Meeting on this matter. Should you require any further information, I may be contacted at (905) 771-2511.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Prowse
Town Clerk

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REGION OF YORK
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FILE No. - *103 → Chair - CAO - Comm. Corp. Serv L. Wilson - 07/02/03*

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June 30, 2003

SENT BY FAX (905) 895-3031 AND MAIL

Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
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Newmarket, ON
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

RE: RETAIL BUSINESS HOLIDAY ACT EXEMPTIONS

Council, at its meeting held on June 23, 2003, had before it for consideration your correspondence dated June 20, 2003. In dealing with this matter, Council adopted the recommendation in a report from the City Clerk, which in part requested that Regional Council exempt retail businesses in the City of Vaughan from the provision of the Retail Business Holidays Act for statutory holidays after Canada Day, up to and including Thanksgiving 2003. The action taken by Council in this matter is included in Minute No. 155, which is enclosed for your information.

Your attention to Council's request is appreciated. Should any further action from the City be required in this matter, kindly contact Sybil Fernandes, Deputy City Clerk at (905) 832-8585 Ext. 8628.

Sincerely,

John Leach/saf

J. D. Leach
City Clerk

Attachment:

Extract

- 1) Notice of the Regional Municipality of York re Retail Business Holidays Act Application for Exemption
- 2) Correspondence received from the Regional Municipality of York dated June 20, 2003

JDL/as

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 23, 2003

155. RETAIL BUSINESS HOLIDAY ACT EXEMPTIONS

(Addendum No. 4)

MOVED by Councillor Di Vona
seconded by Councillor Kadis

That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated June 23, 2003, be approved:

CARRIED

Recommendation

The City Clerk, in consultation with the City Manager and the Director of Legal Services recommends that in order to assist businesses in the City of Vaughan from the negative impact of the SARS outbreak, Council adopt the following resolution:

- 1) That the Region of York be requested to exempt all retail businesses in the City of Vaughan from the provisions of the Retail Business Holidays Act, pursuant to Regulation 711/01, for every statutory holiday after Canada Day, up to and including Thanksgiving 2003, for the purposes of permitting fairs, festivals or other special events; and
- 2) That staff be authorized to submit to the Region of York any applications that may be necessary.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of correspondence received from the Regional Clerk regarding possible applications for exemptions from the Retail Business Holiday Act to address the loss of business revenues across York Region resulting from the SARS outbreak.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Council of the Regional Municipality of York will be holding a public meeting on the 17th of July 2003 to consider exceptions to the Retail Business Holiday Act (Attachment #1). In this regard, correspondence has been received from the Region (Attachment #2). In addition, the Town of Markham's Finance and Administration Committee recently passed a resolution that would request the Region to exempt businesses in Markham and across all of York Region from the Retail Business Holiday Act for the remaining holidays in 2003.

Conclusion

It would be appropriate for Council to consider passing a resolution requesting that the Region exempt businesses in the City of Vaughan from holiday closures for the balance of 2003.

Attachment

- 1) Notice of the Regional Municipality of York re Retail Business Holidays Act Application for Exemption
- 2) Correspondence received from the Regional Municipality of York dated June 20, 2003

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 23, 2003

Minute No. 155 – Page 2

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)



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Revised**

July 15th, 2003

Regional Municipality of York
Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

**RE: RETAIL BUSINESS HOLIDAYS ACT - REMAINING OPEN ON HOLIDAYS IN 2003
(C10-CL & L11)**

Please be advised that the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on June 23rd, 2003.

It was the decision of the Council, at that time, to pass the following resolution:

"THAT the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville requests the exemption of all retail businesses within the geographic boundaries of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville from the provisions of the Retail Business Holidays Act, pursuant to Section 5 of Regulation 711/91, due to the special event surrounding the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) epidemic, for the following three statutory holidays: Labour Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day during 2003, thereby allowing retail businesses to operate and encouraging increased economic activity."

Amendment

"THAT the minutes of the Council meeting dated June 23, 2003 be amended for Item 2, *Retail Business Holidays Act - Remaining Open on Holidays in 2003*, to delete Christmas Day."

Yours truly,

*Dianne Barmes*Dianne Barmes, AMCT
Council Co-ordinator

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