

YORK FAMILIES NEED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

On November 16th York Region Council voted to take away the public holidays for retail workers in every city and town in the Region. Despite a request to allow one month of public consultation, the decision was pushed through Council in one sitting.

This means that retail workers will have to be available 364 days a year to work – only Christmas Day is exempt. Why the urgency? Why wasn't the public notified? And most importantly, why weren't those who work in retail ever asked for their opinion?

The pace of life is getting faster and faster, and working people deserve some time to spend with their families and loved ones. Please ask your Regional Councillor to allow the people of York Region have a say on this important matter.

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A PETITION TO SAVE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS IN YORK REGION

To: Mayors and Regional Councillors of York Region, and Wayne Emmerson, CEO of York Region

Given that:

- (a) retail workers find it increasingly difficult to plan and spend quality time away from work;
- (b) past practice shows that workers will be scheduled to work on holidays, whether they are treated as optional or not;
- (c) holiday closures of retail workplaces offer much needed time for employees to rest and enjoy time with family and friends, just like everyone else.

We, the undersigned, residents, retail workers, community members and shoppers in York Region, petition the Mayors and Regional Councillors of York Region, and Wayne Emmerson, CEO of York Region to:

1. Conduct community consultations on By-Law 2017-55 in the municipalities that make up York Region, ensuring effective outreach to residents, retail workers and small businesses.
2. Pause the enactment of By-Law 2017-55 which would allow stores to open on New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day until York Region staff have had sufficient time to public conduct consultations and summarize findings in a report for review by the elected representatives of York Region.

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