



## Media Release

### City Seeks Input Regarding *Retail Business Holidays Act*

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**Owen Sound, Ontario – Friday, March 29, 2019** – The City of Owen Sound has been examining the opportunity for retail businesses to remain open on Statutory Holidays.

Currently, the provincial *Retail Business Holidays Act* prohibits the opening of certain retail businesses on statutory holidays. These holidays include New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

There are options within the legislation that allow a municipality to pass by-laws to permit businesses the option to be open on these days if they so choose.

Through the City's Economic Development & Tourism Advisory Committee, the City is holding a public meeting to seek input on the proposal to allow businesses to choose to be open on these holidays.

**Event Location:**

City Hall (808 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East, Owen Sound), Council Chambers

**Date & Time:**

Friday, April 12, 2019  
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

The meeting will begin with a short background presentation followed by public input. Additional background information is available on the City's website at [www.owensound.ca/rbha](http://www.owensound.ca/rbha).

Following the public meeting, an online survey will be available to gather further public input. Printed copies of the survey will be available for pick up and return at the Service Owen Sound counter located at City Hall.

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For more information, please contact Pamela Coulter, Director of Community Services at 519-376-4440 ext. 1252 or email to [pcoulter@owensound.ca](mailto:pcoulter@owensound.ca)

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