

PUBLIC MEETING

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL

REPORT FROM THE CLERK

September 13, 2018

PURPOSE:

To hold a Public Meeting pursuant to Section 4 of the *Retail Business Holidays Act, R.S.O. 1990*, to inform the public and to obtain their input with respect to an application for exemption under the *Retail Business Holidays Act* by the Seafood City Supermarket.

1. OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Regional Chair Dale called the public meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton. He stated that the public meeting was open and was being held pursuant to the *Retail Business Holidays Act* ("Act"), to consider an application for exemption for an individual retail establishment under the Act by Seafood City Supermarket, located at 800 Boyer Boulevard in the City of Mississauga.

2. CONFIRMATION OF NOTIFICATION

Kathryn Lockyer, Regional Clerk, stated that Notice of the Public Meeting was given in accordance with Region of Peel By-law 18-1999, sections 11-2c to 11-2f.

Notice of the Public Meeting was sent by first class mail to the Clerk of each local municipality within the Region of Peel; to the policing authority having jurisdiction in the area; and, to the applicant on August 3, 2018. No written requests for notice were received for Seafood City Supermarket application for exemption under the Act. The local municipalities' economic development and planning departments received the notice of Public Meeting along with the municipal clerks.

The applicant was instructed to post the Notice of Public Meeting in the retail establishment seeking exemption no later than August 24, 2018 and for it to remain there until the end of the business day of September 13, 2018.

Notice of this Public Meeting was given in accordance with section 4 of the Act and Region of Peel By-law 18-1999, by publication in the following news media having general circulation in the Region of Peel:

- Mississauga News August 9, 2018
- Brampton Guardian August 9, 2018
- Caledon Enterprise August 9, 2018
- Caledon Citizen August 9, 2018

Further, it was noted that Notice of Public Meeting was posted on the Regional website as of August 15, 2018.

FURTHER NOTICE REQUEST

Kathryn Lockyer, Regional Clerk, stated that if any person would like further notice of the future passage of this proposed exemption for Seafood City Supermarket, in the City of Mississauga, they should give their full name, address, postal code, and telephone number, in writing, at the Clerk's reception counter prior to leaving the meeting.

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

4.1. Andrea Warren, Director, Development Services, Public Works, Regarding the *Retail Business Holidays Act* Exemption Application by Seafood City Supermarket in the City of Mississauga

Received

Andrea Warren, Director, Development Services, Public Works, provided an overview and rationale of the application by Seafood City Supermarket. The subject application is being reviewed under the requirements and regulations of the *Retail Business Holidays Act* and Region of Peel By-law 18-1999. If approved, this exemption shall be deemed to be a grandfathered exemption for the purposes of sub-section 4(9) of Schedule A to By-law 34-2018. Input from the September 13, 2018 Public meeting will be documented and considered when preparing the staff report for Regional Council consideration at a future meeting early 2019.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 5.1. **Oral Submissions**
- 5.1.1. Nicholas Macos, Solicitor and Alex Arifuzzaman, Retail Consultant, Seafood City Supermarket, Regarding the Seafood City Supermarket Application for Exemption under the Retail Business Holidays Act

Received

5.1.2. **Matthew Go, Manager, Seafood City Supermarket,** Regarding the Seafood City Supermarket Application for Exemption under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*

Received

Nicholas Macos, Solicitor; Alex Arifuzzaman, Retail Consultant, and Matthew Go, Manager, Seafood City Supermarket, provided an overview of the Seafood City Supermarket application for tourism exemption under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*. Seafood City Supermarket is considered a major hub among the Filipino-Canadian community with a large customer base locally and attracts tourists from a large area including from the US east coast and neighbouring provinces in Canada. Subject to Regional Council approval of the exemption, working on the statutory holidays would remain voluntary for the employees at Seafood City Supermarket, in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*.

In response to questions from Councillor Saito, Patrick O'Connor, Regional Solicitor, advised that should the subject application not be approved under Region of Peel By-law 18-1999, the requested holiday openings could still be provided for should the City of Mississauga choose to include this site in an area designated for retail holiday opening as part of its overall tourism strategy as provided for under the new By-law 34-2018 and be exempt from the provisions of the Retail Business Holidays Act.

Councillor Saito stated that the City of Mississauga tourism guidelines and designation will be presented to a future meeting of the City Council for consideration. Janette Smith, Commissioner of Public Works, informed Regional Council that the staff recommendation regarding the subject application will be presented to Regional Council by February 2019.

5.2. Written Submissions - Nil

6. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Regional Chair Dale advised those in attendance that comments and submissions would be taken into consideration and a final report and supporting by-law would be considered by Regional Council at a future meeting.

Regional Chair Dale officially closed the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Regional Clerk