

From: Assistant to Mayor Hackson
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Clark, Carol
Subject: FW: Commit to consultation on holidays for retail workers

Hi Carol,
Forwarding email below on behalf of Mayor Hackson as I understand this matter will be before Council tomorrow.

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From: Anna Chapman [<mailto:council@labourcouncil.ca>]
Sent: December-13-17 10:35 AM
To: Hackson, Virginia <vhackson@eastgwillimbury.ca>
Subject: Commit to consultation on holidays for retail workers

Dear Member of Council,

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. As someone who is elected to serve the people, I am asking you to do whatever you can to re-open this matter at the December York Region meeting.

There should be full public consultation before finalizing a by-law that will strip thousands of York Region residents of their right to spend precious time with their families.

Sincerely,

Anna Chapman
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