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Application for a Holiday Opening Exemption

1. Original application form must be filed with the Clerk's Office along with the \$85 application fee.
2. This application and any by-law passed by the City of Orillia are subject to the provisions of the *Retail Business Holidays Act*. It is strongly suggested that applicants contact their solicitor with respect to the provisions of the Act.
3. The application form will be placed on the next Consent Agenda for a resolution to be passed by Council instructing the Clerk to publish a "Notice of Public Meeting" in the City's Bulletin Board and on the City's website.
4. The Public Meeting will be held at least 30 days after the notice is published. At the Public Meeting, Council will decide if it wishes to consider an exemption by-law.

Before considering an exemption by-law, the *Retail Business Holidays Act* requires Council to take the following into account:

- the principle that holidays should be maintained as common pause days
 - that the tourism criteria set out in the Regulations are complied with (See *Part 2 - Tourism Criteria*)
 - that Council is not required to pass a by-law even if the tourism criteria is met
5. If Council wishes to proceed with exempting the business that has applied, a by-law will be passed.
 6. After the by-law is passed, it may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) within 30 days from the date of the Public Meeting.
 7. If no appeal(s) has been received by the OMB within the 30 day appeal period, the by-law will be in effect.
 8. If an appeal(s) has been filed with the OMB, a hearing will be set and the applicant will be notified.