

**BY-LAW NUMBER 234-2008**

**OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHATHAM-KENT**

A Bylaw to provide for holiday openings within the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

WHEREAS Section 4 of the Retail Business Holiday Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter R.30, as amended, (the “Act”) provides that the Council of a Municipality may by bylaw, permit retail business establishments in the Municipality to be open on holidays for the maintenance or development of tourism;

AND WHEREAS retail business establishments in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent have requested that the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent pass a by-law permitting it to remain open on certain holidays in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent,

AND WHEREAS the tourism criteria established by the Retail Business Holidays Act Regulations have been met;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed essential for the maintenance and development of tourism in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to permit retail business openings on certain holidays;

AND WHEREAS a Public Meeting in respect to the passing of this bylaw was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2008;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent has taken into account the principle that holidays should be maintained as common pause days;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of The Municipality of Chatham-Kent enacts as follows;

1. In this bylaw:
  - a) “retail business” means the selling or offering for sale of goods or services by retail.
  - b) “retail business establishment” means the premises where a retail business is carried on.
2. Retail business establishments in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent are hereby granted an exemption to the Act and may remain open on: Family Day, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day.

3. By-laws 117-2003 and 323-2004 are hereby repealed.

THIS Bylaw shall come into full force and effect on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date upon which it is finally passed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2008.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

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Mayor – Randy R. Hope

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Clerk – Elinor Mifflin