



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: September 13, 2021

Title: Amend Chapter 192 – Retail Shops

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Recommendation:

That Council provide direction to staff regarding Chapter 192 – Retail Shops of the City of Dryden Municipal Code.

Background:

Chapter 192 – Retail Shops of the City's Municipal Code came into existence in October of 1995 when Article I – Closing Hours of Remembrance Day came into effect. In October of 2002 Article II – Holiday Opening – Tourism Exemption was added. In the attempt to remove by-laws from the Municipal Code there has been discussion about how to handle this Chapter; is it something Council would like to see continued, is it something Council would like to see dropped or would Council like to see changes made?

Discussion:

None of the neighbouring municipalities (Red Lake, Ear Falls, Sioux Lookout, Kenora and Fort Frances) have by-laws that state retail shops are to be closed any part of the day on Remembrance Day. Only Kenora has a by-law permitting retail businesses to be open on specific holidays (see the by-law) for the maintenance and development of tourism as allowed for in the Retail Business Holidays Act.

Staff are looking for input from Council on what they would like to see take place when this Chapter is taken out of the Municipal Code format. The format could be changed and the content left as is, Chapter 192 and associated by-laws could be repealed if

Council would like to see the contents dropped or Council could suggest changes to be made and a new by-law created.

Attachments (Reference Material):

Chapter 192 – Retail Shops
Retail Business Holidays Act
Kenora's By-law 166-2009