

**TO: CITY MANAGER**

**DATE: 2003 November 24**

**FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE**

**SUBJECT: THE REPEAL OF THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING REGULATION ACT**

**PURPOSE:** To provide information requested by Council.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information.

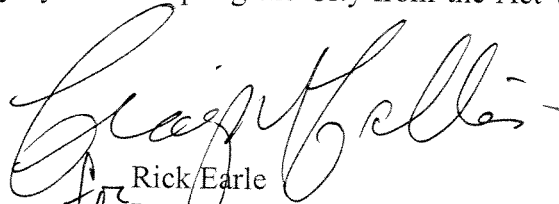
**REPORT**

At the regular Council meeting on 2003 November 17, Council requested a staff report on the repeal of the Holiday Shopping Regulation Act.

The Holiday Shopping Regulation Act is Provincial legislation that imposes the general prohibition of holiday sales at retail businesses. The Act also includes a provision for cities to exempt, by bylaw, their communities from the Act and allow retail sales on holidays. In 1981, the Burnaby Holiday Shopping Regulation Bylaw was adopted to permit persons in Burnaby to carry on all classes of retail business on a holiday.

In 2001, Prince George sponsored a UBCM resolution to rescind the Act, citing non-enforcement by the province and uncertainty and confusion amongst retailers and local governments as reasons. Through Bill 11 in 2003 March, the Province repealed the Act and made it effective by regulation. The regulation has yet to be passed through Cabinet.

The repeal of the Holiday Shopping Regulation Act will have no effect on business in Burnaby. When the repeal is complete, the Burnaby bylaw exempting the City from the Act will become redundant and removed from the books.

  
for Rick Earle  
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc: City Solicitor