

Bulletin #2020-40

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

Important Notice to Chief Administrative Officers

THE RETAIL BUSINESS HOURS OF OPERATION ACT

Bill 4 – *The Retail Business Hours of Operation Act* (various acts amended or repealed) received Royal Assent on December 3, 2020. The bill will repeal *The Retail Businesses Holiday Closing Act* and end province-wide retail shopping restrictions on Sunday and holidays. Retail businesses will be allowed to open during any hours on Sunday or Statutory holidays, unless your municipality establishes restrictions on retail business operations. The bill comes into force on December 12th, 2020.

Municipalities wanting to continue retail restrictions during specific days or hours of operation will need to establish those restrictions by by-law. Interested municipalities should be prepared to pass necessary by-laws immediately, in order to retain these restrictions. A sample by-law has been prepared and is attached for your reference.

If you have any questions or concerns with regards to the attached sample by-law, please reach out to a Municipal Services Officer or email mrmca@gov.mb.ca.

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