

PW-B1-1

Brampton, ON L6T 3X5
September 26, 2011

Ms. Stephanie Jurrius, Legislative Specialist
Region of Peel
10 Peel Centre Dr.
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES	
COPY TO:	FORM
Chair	Committee
CAD	
Corporate Services	Council
Public Works	Oct. 27/11
Employee and Business Services	
Health Services	File
Human Services	
Peel Living	

RECEIVED

SEP 27 2011

REGION OF PEEL
LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Dear Ms. Jurrius:

Re: PW-A1, Application for an Area Basis Tourist Exemption, etc.

Thank you for your letter advising us that Regional Council approved the subject application by Morguard Corporation to open Bramalea City Centre on national holidays.

My neighbours and I are very disappointed that the Council felt it was more important for the BCC owners to indulge in greed than for our families to enjoy the long weekends declared by the federal government as holidays. It is ironic that the one exception is the recently-established Family Day, when the other six days have been considered family days for decades. Forcing employees to work on Canada Day especially, when their families are celebrating our heritage in parks and backyards, is a real travesty.

As far as the development of tourism is concerned, we wonder if the Commissioner of Public Works did a survey to determine how many tourists have been storming the BCC on Canadian holidays, only to find the mall closed. Were those visitors then directed to the tourist venues in Brampton, or invited to join our residents in the various public celebrations around town, or was that opportunity missed?

Someone has suggested that since national holidays are now defunct, the Region of Peel Council could hold their meetings on those days. After all, there won't be any room in the BCC parking lot, with all the tourists there, and what else could they possibly do? We also agreed that we'll remember, come the next election, that it was our own Council member in Ward 8 who made the motion to allow the BCC to open on national holidays.

REFERRAL TO _____
 RECOMMENDED _____
 DIRECTION REQUIRED _____
 RECEIPT RECOMMENDED _____

Yours truly,

Betty Saito

cc Dan Labrecque, Commissioner, Public Works, Region of Peel
 Tom Slomke, Director, Development Services, Public Works, Region of Peel
 Andrea Warren, Planning Manager, Brampton, Development services, Public Works