## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

## BY-LAW 2008-05

## BEING A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR RETAIL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS TO BE OPEN ON CERTAIN HOLIDAYS IN THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter R.30, as amended, (the "Act") provides that the Council of a Municipality may by By-law 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 Town of Amherstburg have requested that the Council of the Town of Amherstburg pass a By-law permitting them to remain open on certain holidays in the Town of Amherstburg;

AND WHEREAS, the tourism criteria established by the *Retail Business Holiday Act*, *Ontario* Regulations has been met;

**AND WHEREAS**, it is deemed essential for the maintenance and development of tourism in the Town of Amherstburg to permit retail businesses to open on certain holidays;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Council of the Town of Amherstburg have designated the Town of Amherstburg a tourism area necessary for the maintenance or development of tourism of its natural, outdoor, recreational, historical, cultural, multicultural and educational attractions;

AND WHEREAS, a Public Meeting in respect to the passing of the By-law was held on the  $10^{th}$  day of March, 2008 with 30 days notice to the public;

AND WHEREAS, the Council for the Town of Amherstburg 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 Town of Amherstburg enacts as follows:

- 1. THAT in this By-law:
  - (a) "Retail Business" means the selling or offering for sale of goods or services by retail.
  - (b) "Retail Business Establishment" means the premises where retail business is carried on.
- 2. THAT Retail Business Establishments in the Town of Amherstburg are hereby granted an exemption to the Retail Business Holidays Act and may remain open on Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Family Day.
- 3. **THAT** this By-law shall come into full force and effect on the 10th day of April, 2008, being the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date upon which it is finally passed.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH 2008.

MAYOR Wayne Hurst

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