No. 7

Sunday Shopping Consultation

Honourable Carolyn Bertram gives notice that tomorrow she will move, seconded by Honourable Richard Brown, the following Motion:

WHEREAS the issue of Sunday shopping is multi-faceted and one around which Islanders have strong feelings, both for and against;

AND WHEREAS in the Fall of 2006 *The Retail Business Holidays Act* was amended to allow Sunday shopping on Prince Edward Island starting in the third week of May and continuing until December 31;

AND WHEREAS the introduction of Sunday shopping under the previous government was made with limited public consultation and input;

AND WHEREAS Islanders have now had a period of six months in which Sunday shopping has been in effect;

AND WHEREAS that experience offers an opportunity to assess the pros and cons of Sunday shopping from varying perspectives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Community Affairs and Economic Development be mandated to conduct public hearings on Sunday shopping to solicit the views of Islanders;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Community Affairs and Economic Development report back to the Legislative Assembly in the spring of 2008 with a recommendation such that any required legislative changes could be presented in that sitting.

Signed by: Honourable Carolyn Bertram

Signed by: Honourable Richard Brown

16 October 2007

2:00 p.m.