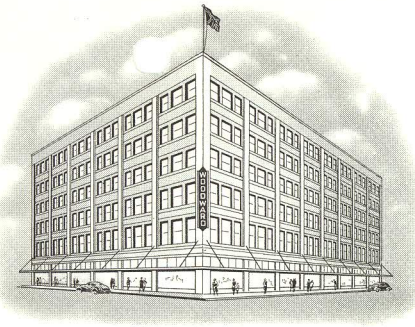


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June 12, 1954

His Worship Mayor Hawrelak
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Your Worship:

In an article on Page 1 and Page 5 of the Edmonton Journal of Friday, June 11, 1954, it states that under the proposed revised Early Closing By-law, food stores may stay open six days a week and until 9:00 P.M. each evening. Some of these food stores, and particularly the chain food stores, are not food stores in reality but miniature department stores for they sell kitchenware and housewares, drugs, cosmetics, nylon hosiery, stationery, garden hose, lawn fertilizer, light bulbs, camera film, clothes line, dish cloths, cheese cloth, elastic by the yard, shoe laces, flashlight batteries, pinking shears, steak knives, oven mits, men's leather and fabric gloves, tinsel, plastic ice cube trays, rug cleaner, chinaware (including teapots and dinnerware), tobaccos, magazines, seeds, bulbs, cut flowers, rose bushes, bobby pins, combs and many other items.

We are particularly concerned with the zoning effect of the proposed new Early Closing By-law which will enable outside stores with a food operation to stay open evenings. It appears discriminatory and unfair to allow these stores to stay open six days a week until 9:00 P.M. and yet restrict the down-town stores to five and one-half days per week and a 6 o'clock closing. We have a large food operation that represents a substantial portion of our business. We, also, carry all the lines of merchandise offered for sale by the food stores. We simply cannot close our doors while competitors offer these commodities for sale. We must have the opportunity to meet the competition presented by the extended hours of the food chains in the suburbs and surrounding the central down-town district.

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A survey of tax collections in Edmonton would undoubtedly prove that a very substantial portion of the total taxes collected come from a very limited down-town business area. It is, therefore, the responsibility of the civic government to see that business conditions in the down-town area are healthy so that business located in this limited area can at all times meet competition and do the volume of business required to earn the money to pay the very high taxes levied on them. If civic government does not accept this responsibility then business, eventually, must decentralize and move out to unrestricted areas of cheaper taxation.

As a down-town business and a substantial tax-payer, we request the new by-law governing hours for retail stores have incorporated within its frame-work a provision which will allow down-town retail stores to stay open until 9:00 P.M. on Friday evening of each week. We also suggest that if a statutory holiday falls on a Friday the privilege of staying open should be extended to the Thursday evening immediately preceding the statutory holiday. The acceptance of these requests will remove some of the discrimination of the proposed new by-law and allow down-town retail business to at least partially meet the competition of extended hours in the suburbs.

Yours very truly,

WOODWARD STORES (EDMONTON) LTD.


K. CAMPBELL
General Manager

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June 16th, 1954.

Mr. K. Campbell,
General Manager,
Woodward Stores (Edmonton) Ltd.
EDMONTON, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of the 12th instant, asking the City Council for a provision in the proposed new Early Closing Bylaw to allow down-town retail stores to stay open until 9.00 p.m. on Friday evening of each week.

This request was considered by Council at Monday night's meeting, and it was their recommendation that the Bylaw's Committee prepare the required amendments for a subsequent Council Meeting, giving effect to your proposal.

Trusting that this will meet with your requirements,
I am,

Yours very truly,

Wm. Hawrelak.
Mayor.

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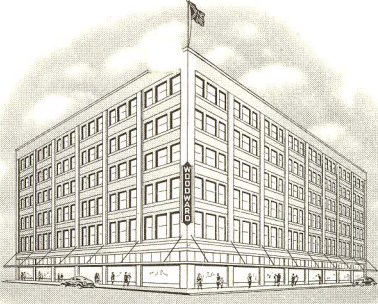
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Your Worship:

I would like to express appreciation to you and City Council for your constructive and considerate action in requesting the By-laws Committee to prepare an amendment to the proposed new Early Closing By-law to allow down-town retail stores to stay open until 9:00 P.M. on Friday evening of each week.

Yours very truly,

WOODWARD STORES (EDMONTON) LTD.


K. CAMPBELL
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