



Mayor of Markham

## Family Day Cancelled for Retail Workers

**MARKHAM, ON – February 15, 2018** “Family Day was recently added by the Province because of public demand, so why are we treating retail workers any differently? Many retail workers in the GTA will be off but not in York Region. I have heard from mothers, fathers, and others who are still in disbelief and feel their voice has not been heard.” – Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of Markham

“Next Monday, Family Day is supposed to be a time we can all spend with our families. But many retail workers are now being scheduled to work. The Labour Council is calling on all York Region politicians to rescind this harmful by-law, and conduct a thorough review that involves the very people whose lives it impacts.” - John Cartwright, President of the Toronto and York Region Labour Council

On November 16, 2017 York Regional Council voted in favour of enacting a Holiday Shopping Bylaw to permit local retailers to open on statutory holidays, should they chose to, with the exception of Christmas Day. Mayor Scarpitti, John Cartwright will be available to speak with media.

### **What:**

Press Conference on York Region’s Holiday Shopping Bylaw

### **When:**

Friday, February 16, 2018  
11:00 am to 12:00 p.m.

### **Where:**

Thornhill Square Shopping Centre  
[300 John Street, Thornhill](#)

### **Who:**

Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
John Cartwright, President of the Toronto and York Region Labour Council  
Deb Henry – Unifor Local 414 & Metro Employee

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