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Mayor John,

Recently, one of our members approached us with concerns regarding the presence of non-local, analogous businesses operating in and around the Greater Sudbury area. It seems that this particular type of 'weekend auction' has put considerable strain on their ability to make sales and support staff.

We think circumstances like this can be remedied by allowing businesses to compete fairly and openly for customers.

Specifically, we support the de-regulation of store hours as a tool to grow the business environment in the community and maintain that since businesses possess a unique familiarity with their customers and products, they should be given the ability to decide for themselves when to open and when to close.

Nevertheless, as an acknowledgement of the hardship this sort of activity is placing on this member and their employees, we request you consider increasing the auction permit fee (it currently is \$341).

While this may not prevent future auctions from occurring, we consider this to be the best way of balancing our objectives of free enterprise and competition against the specific challenges facing this member.

Yours truly,



Debbi M Nicholson
PRESIDENT & CEO