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CHAPTER 225

The Lord's Day (Ontario) Act

1. Where a by-law passed under section 2 is in force and subject to its provisions, it is lawful for any person between 1.30 o'clock and 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the Lord's Day to provide, engage in or be present at any public game or sport that is specified in such by-law and which but for this Act would be unlawful under section 6 of the *Lord's Day Act* (Canada), or to do or engage any other person to do any work, business or labour in connection with any such public game or sport which but for this Act would be unlawful under section 4 of the *Lord's Day Act* (Canada). R.S.O. 1950, c. 218, s. 1. Sunday sports may be made lawful
R.S.C. 1952, c. 171

2.—(1) Subject to section 3, the council of any city, town, village or township may pass a by-law declaring section 1 to be in force in the municipality or in such part or parts thereof as are specified in the by-law and, upon such by-law coming into force, section 1 applies in the municipality or in the specified part or parts, as the case may be. Implementing by-law authorized

(2) The application of section 1 is limited to such public games or sports as are specified in the by-law. Sports to be specified

(3) The by-law shall not specify horse-racing as a public game or sport. Horse-racing

(4) Where section 1 applies in specified parts of a municipality, the limitation authorized by subsection 2 may differ in different parts. Different sports in different parts

(5) The by-law may reduce the period of time between 1.30 o'clock and 6 o'clock mentioned in section 1. Reduction of hours

(6) The by-law shall provide for the regulation and control of the public games and sports specified in it and may provide for the regulation and control of any matter or thing in connection with such public games and sports. R.S.O. 1950, c. 218, s. 2. Regulation and control

3.—(1) No by-law under section 2 shall be passed until the following question has been submitted to the electors: Condition precedent to passing of by-law

Are you in favour of public games and sports on the

Lord's Day to be regulated by municipal by-law under the authority of *The Lord's Day (Ontario) Act*?

Initiation of
by-law by
council

(2) The council may submit the question set out in subsection 1 to the electors at any time.

Initiation of
by-law by
petition

(3) Upon the presentation of a petition requesting that a by-law under this Act be passed, signed by at least 10 per cent of the electors of the municipality, the council shall before or at the next municipal election submit the question set out in subsection 1 to the electors, but, if a petition is presented in the month of November or December in any year, it shall be deemed to be presented in the month of February next following. R.S.O. 1950, c. 218, s. 3.

Condition
precedent
to repeal
of by-law

4.—(1) No by-law passed under section 2 shall be repealed until the following question has been submitted to the electors:

Are you in favour of the repeal of the by-law passed under the authority of *The Lord's Day (Ontario) Act* that regulates public games and sports on the Lord's Day?

Initiation
of repealing
by-law
by council

(2) The council may submit the question set out in subsection 1 to the electors at any time.

Initiation
of repealing
by-law
by petition

(3) Upon the presentation of a petition requesting that the by-law passed under section 2 be repealed, signed by at least 10 per cent of the electors of the municipality, the council shall before or at the next municipal election submit the question set out in subsection 1 to the electors, but, if a petition is presented in the month of November or December in any year, it shall be deemed to be presented in the month of February next following. R.S.O. 1950, c. 218, s. 4.

Presentation
and
sufficiency
of petition

5. A petition mentioned in section 3 or 4 shall be deemed to be presented when it is lodged with the clerk of the municipality and the sufficiency of the petition shall be determined by him and his certificate as to its sufficiency is conclusive for all purposes. R.S.O. 1950, c. 218, s. 5.

Sunday
musical
concerts
lawful

6. It is lawful for any person between 1.30 o'clock and 6 o'clock in the afternoon of the Lord's Day to provide, engage in or be present at any concert, recital or other musical performance of an artistic and cultural nature produced by a non-profit organization at which an admission fee is charged and which but for this Act would be unlawful under section 6 of the *Lord's Day Act* (Canada), or to do or engage any other person to do any work, business or labour in connection with any such concert, recital or other musical performance which but for this Act would be unlawful under section 4 of the *Lord's Day Act* (Canada). 1960, c. 62, s. 1, *part*.

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7. If and so long as the time commonly observed in a municipality in which a by-law passed under section 2 is in force or in which a concert, recital or other musical performance is produced under section 6 is one hour in advance of standard time, the times mentioned in section 1 or 6, as the case may be, shall be reckoned in accordance with the time so commonly observed and not standard time. R.S.O. 1950, c. 218, s. 6; 1960, c. 62, s. 1, *part, revised*.

Where
daylight
saving time
in effect
