

LIQUOR ACT

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RESOLUTE BAY LIQUOR PLEBISCITE REGULATIONS

Whereas the Minister has ordered, under section 41 and subsections 42(1) and 48(1) of the *Liquor Act*, that a plebiscite be held on February 27, 2012, and an advance poll on February 20, 2012, to determine the opinion of the qualified voters of Resolute Bay with respect to the question asked on the ballot under these regulations;

The Commissioner of Nunavut, on the recommendation of the Minister, under section 54 of the *Liquor Act* and every enabling power, makes the attached *Resolute Bay Liquor Plebiscite Regulations*.

1. In these regulations,

"community" means all that portion of Nunavut that lies within a radius of 25 km of the building in Resolute Bay commonly known as the Resolute Bay Community Hall. (*collectivité*)

"returning officer" means the returning officer appointed by the Minister under paragraph 42(1)(a) of the *Liquor Act*. (*directeur du scrutin*)

2. A plebiscite shall be held in the community to determine the opinion of the qualified voters of the community with respect to the question asked on the ballot.

3. The explanation of the question on the ballot for the plebiscite is as follows:

EXPLANATION OF QUESTION

If 60% or more of the votes cast under the Question are "YES":

1. The current system of liquor restriction in Resolute Bay will be abolished, and the *Resolute Bay Liquor Restriction Regulations*, R.R.N.W.T. 1990,c.L-46, as duplicated for Nunavut by section 29 of the *Nunavut Act*, will be repealed. As a result, the Resolute Bay Alcohol Education Committee, which was established by those regulations, will be dissolved.
2. There will be no restrictions on liquor, except for the general liquor laws that apply in Nunavut.

If less than 60% of the votes cast under the Question are "YES":

3. The *Resolute Bay Liquor Restriction Regulations*, registered as regulation numbered R.R.N.W.T. 1990,c.L-46, as duplicated for Nunavut by section 29 of the *Nunavut Act*, will remain in force and the Resolute Bay Alcohol Education Committee will continue.
4. A person will continue to be required to obtain the approval of the Resolute Bay Alcohol Education Committee before possessing, purchasing or transporting liquor in the community or bringing liquor into the community.
5. The Resolute Bay Alcohol Education Committee will continue to have the power to decide the amount of liquor that a person may possess or purchase in the community and the amount of liquor that a person may bring into the community.
6. The Resolute Bay Alcohol Education Committee will continue to have the power to refuse an application to possess, purchase or transport liquor in the community and the power to refuse an application to bring liquor into the community.

4. The form of the ballot for the plebiscite is as follows:

QUESTION

Are you in favour of replacing the current system of liquor restriction in Resolute Bay with an unrestricted system, with no restrictions on liquor, except for the general liquor laws that apply in Nunavut?

Yes

No

- 5. The returning officer shall appoint a deputy returning officer and poll clerk for the plebiscite.**
- 6. The returning officer shall prepare a list of qualified voters eligible to vote at the plebiscite.**
- 7. The returning officer shall**
- (a) notify the qualified voters of the community of the purpose of the plebiscite, and the location, date and time of the ordinary poll and the advance poll; and**
 - (b) provide a poll for the purpose of receiving the votes of the qualified voters.**
- 8. The returning officer shall arrange for the translation of the ballot set out in section 4 and the Explanation of Question set out in section 3 into the Inuit Language, as defined in the *Inuit Language Protection Act*, and shall arrange for persons fluent in the language of the community to be present at each poll to assist any qualified voters who require assistance.**
- 9. (1) The polling station for the advance poll must be**
- (a) located at the Hamlet Office; and**
 - (b) kept open between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on February 20, 2012.**
- (2) Any qualified voter may vote at the advance poll.**
- 10. (1) The deputy returning officer shall take all reasonable measures to ensure that persons who vote at the advance poll do not vote again at the ordinary poll.**
- (2) No person who votes at the advance poll shall vote again at the ordinary poll.**
- 11. After the close of the advance poll, the deputy returning officer appointed for the advance poll shall**
- (a) advise the returning officer of the names of the persons who voted at the advance poll; and**
 - (b) seal the ballot box and ensure that it is kept in a place of secure custody until the closing of the ordinary poll.**
- 12. The polling station for the ordinary poll must be**
- (a) located at the Hamlet Office; and**
 - (b) kept open between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on February 27, 2012.**
- 13. (1) Immediately after the close of the ordinary poll, the deputy returning officer shall count the ballots from the advance and ordinary polls and give to the returning officer the ballots and the results of the count.**
- (2) On receipt of the ballots and the results of the count, the returning officer shall announce the results of the plebiscite.**

- (3) Within two days after the close of the ordinary poll, the returning officer shall**
- (a) prepare a report of the results of the plebiscite attested to by the signatures of the deputy returning officer, the poll clerk and two witnesses;**
 - (b) place the report and ballots in an envelope and seal the envelope; and**
 - (c) send the sealed envelope by registered mail to the Minister or the Minister's delegate, as directed by the Minister.**

14. (1) Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, the provisions of the *Local Authorities Elections Act* respecting elections apply to the plebiscite with such modifications as the circumstances require.

(2) The returning officer may waive any provision of the *Local Authorities Elections Act* that cannot be complied with because there is insufficient time for compliance.

15. These regulations apply according to their terms before they are published in the *Nunavut Gazette*.