

LIQUOR ACT

R-005-2007

Registered with the Registrar of Regulations

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BAKER LAKE LIQUOR PLEBISCITE REGULATIONS

Whereas the Minister has ordered, under sections 41 and 42 of the *Liquor Act*, that a plebiscite be held on February 26, 2007, and an advance poll on February 19, 2007, to determine the opinion of the qualified voters of Baker Lake 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 *Baker Lake Liquor Plebiscite Regulations*.

1. In these regulations,

"Arena" means the building in the Hamlet of Baker Lake commonly known as the Arena; (*aréna*)

"community" means all that portion of Nunavut that lies within a radius of 25 kilometres from the Baker Lake Hamlet Office; (*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":

The *Baker Lake Liquor Restriction Regulations*, registered as regulation numbered R-026-2004, will be repealed. As a result, the Baker Lake Alcohol Education Committee, which was established by those regulations, will be dissolved. There will be no more restrictions on liquor in the community, other than the general liquor laws in force in Nunavut. This means, there will be no limits, other than the general liquor laws, on

- who may possess or purchase liquor in the community;
- who may import or bring liquor into the community;
- the amount of liquor that a person may possess, purchase, import or bring into the community; or
- who may make wine or brew beer in the community and the amount that may be made or brewed.

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

The *Baker Lake Liquor Restriction Regulations*, registered as regulation numbered R-026-2004, will remain in force and the Baker Lake Alcohol Education Committee will continue.

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

QUESTION

Are you in favour of repealing the *Baker Lake Liquor Restriction Regulations*, registered as regulation numbered R-026-2004?

YES

NO

5. The returning officer shall appoint the deputy returning officers and poll clerks required for the plebiscite.

6. (1) The returning officer shall prepare a list of qualified voters eligible to vote at the plebiscite.

(2) The list of qualified voters must be used to determine who is 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 Inuktitut and may arrange for an interpreter 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 Arena; and

(b) kept open between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on February 19, 2007.

(2) A qualified voter may vote at the advance poll.

10. (1) Every 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 Arena; and

(b) kept open between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on February 26, 2007.

13. (1) Immediately after the close of the ordinary poll, the deputy returning officers 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 officers, the poll clerks 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*.