

LIQUOR ACT

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BAKER LAKE 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 January 22, 2018, and an advance poll on January 15, 2018, 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* attached.

1. In these regulations,

"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 are "Yes":

1. The current system of liquor restriction in Baker Lake will be abolished, and the *Baker Lake Liquor Restriction Regulations*, registered as regulation numbered R-026-2004, and the *Declaration of Restricted Area (Baker Lake)*, registered as regulation numbered R-024-2004, will be repealed.

2. The Baker Lake Alcohol Education Committee, established under the *Baker Lake Liquor Restriction Regulations*, will be dissolved.

3. There will be no restrictions on liquor in Baker Lake, except for the general liquor laws that apply in Nunavut.

If less than 60% of the votes cast are "Yes":

The current system of liquor restriction in Baker Lake will continue, and the Baker Lake Alcohol Education Committee will continue to exist.

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

QUESTION

Are you in favour of ending the current system of liquor restriction in Baker Lake and having an unrestricted system where only the general liquor laws of Nunavut apply?

5. The returning officer shall appoint the deputy returning officer 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 and the Explanation of Question set out in section 3 into the Inuit Language 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 Jesse Oonark Centre in Baker Lake; and
 - (b) kept open between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on January 15, 2018.
 - (2) A qualified voter who has reason to believe that he or she will be unable to vote on the ordinary polling day 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.
 - (1) The polling station for the ordinary poll must be
 - (a) located at the Jesse Oonark Centre in Baker Lake; and
 - (b) kept open between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on January 22, 2018.
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 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.