



# Message from the Chair

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June 28, 2024

**Submitted to:**

Hon. Lorne Kusugak  
Minister Responsible for the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Board  
Government of Nunavut

Dear Minister Kusugak,

On behalf of the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Board, I am pleased to submit the annual report for the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Board and the audited financial statements for the Board's operations for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024. This report is submitted pursuant to section 9(1) of Nunavut's *Liquor Act*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Valerie Inukpuk".

Valerie Inukpuk,  
Chairperson, Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Board

# About the NLCB

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Accountable to the Minister responsible for the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Board (NLCB), the Board functions as an independent quasi-judicial tribunal under the *Liquor Act*. The Board is responsible for issuing all liquor licences and for ensuring that licence holders maintain and operate their licensed premises in accordance with the law. The Board is also authorized to issue special occasion permits (SOPs).

Under the Act, the NLCB issues, renews, transfers licenses and holds show-cause hearings that can lead to suspension or cancellation of a licence. The Board is also responsible for controlling the conduct of liquor licence holders, management and equipment of licensed premises, and conditions under which liquor may be sold or consumed in licensed premises.

Under the Cannabis Act, the NLCB acts as an impartial appeals body between the Superintendent of Licensing (cannabis) and the cannabis retailers. Unlike its role in liquor, the NLCB is not responsible for issuing cannabis licences.

## **Mission**

The mission of the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Board is to foster an environment that guides and regulates the legal and responsible use of alcohol and cannabis in Nunavut.

The Board believes that licence holders share the responsibility for this mission, and endeavors to maintain a positive relationship with Nunavut's businesses and organizations.

## ***Duties and Powers of the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Board***

All Board decisions and business is conducted in a manner consistent with the Nunavut *Liquor Act* and the *Liquor Regulations*, other applicable legislation, and the policies of the Board.

## *Liquor*

For liquor, the Board controls:

- the conduct of licence holders;
- the management and equipment of licensed premises;
- the conditions under which liquor may be sold or consumed on licensed premises;

and is authorized to:

- issue, renew and transfer liquor licences;
- after a hearing, cancel or suspend liquor licences; and,
- generally, advise the Minister on all matters of policy, legislation and administration relating to the sale, distribution and consumption of liquor.

## *Cannabis*

For cannabis, the Board:

- acts as an independent tribunal for appeals from decisions made by the Office of the Superintendent; and,
- the Board may make rules or orders governing its proceedings.

# Board Members

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*Chair*

Designated by the Minister, the Board Chair is directly accountable for all operation of the Board and for ensuring that all responsibilities to outside groups and individuals are met. The Board Chair ensures the integrity of the Board’s operations.

*Members*

Board members, appointed by the Minister, participate in the efficient and effective implementation of the *Liquor Act* and the *Liquor Regulations*, and in conducting appeals pursuant to the *Cannabis Act* and *Cannabis Regulations*. Board members are responsible for participating in a professional and ethical manner in Board activities.

In fiscal year 2023-24, the Board appointed two new members.

Position	Incumbent	# of Terms	End of Term	Community
Chair (Began May 2022)	Valerie Inukpuk	2	January 16, 2025	Iqaluit
Member	Leesa Ikkidluak	9	October 4, 2025	Kimmirut
Member	Percy Kabloona	1	May 18, 2024	Whale Cove
Member	Samson Ford	1	May 18, 2024	Iqaluit
Member	Leah Aliyak-Milley	1	05-Oct-25	Rankin Inlet
Member	Teresa Amarok	1	05-Oct-25	Rankin Inlet

# Honoraria

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Board members receive honoraria in accordance with the Financial Administration Manual directive 810. This directive was updated in January 2023, increasing honorarium rates to the following:

Duty	Chair	Member
Attendance at hearings for periods in excess of three hours (full day)	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00
Attendance at hearings for periods of three hours or less (half-day)	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00

# Board Activities

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## **Quarterly Meetings**

The Board normally holds four regular meetings each fiscal year (1 in-person and 3 virtual meetings) to handle business, inquiries, applications, and issues that come forward. In the 2023-24 fiscal year, the board only held three meetings instead of four. Initially the first meeting for the fiscal year was scheduled for June 13 and 14 but that was cancelled as we did not reach quorum to hold the meeting. The Board decided to hold another meeting on July 26 and that was also cancelled as quorum was not reached.

The one in-person meeting is held in March of each year to approve liquor licence renewals for the following fiscal year. Due to scheduling conflicts in the previous fiscal year, the Board held a video conference meeting in March 2023 and moved the in-person meeting to April 2024

The following meetings were held in 2023-24:

- Meeting # 95 - September 27, 2023 (video conference)
- Meeting # 96 - February 8, 2024 (video conference)
- Meeting # 97 - March 11, 2024 (video conference)

## **Supplemental Application and Email Polling**

Ongoing business such as requests for changes in hours of operations, approval to purchase alcohol outside the Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Commission, and the approval of special occasion permits are handled by email on a regular basis. In fiscal year 2023-24, there were approximately 176 decisions required by the Board.

## **Supplemental Teleconferences**

Occasionally an issue arises which are too complex to handle by email decisions. In these instances, a supplemental teleconference is held. No ad hoc meetings were required by the Board in 2023-24.

## **Show Cause Hearings**

A Show Cause Hearing must be held whenever alleged infractions of the Act and/or the regulations, or breaches of any conditions that may be attached to licences indicate that a suspension or cancellation of the licence may be appropriate.

The licence holder must show cause to the Board why the licence should not be cancelled or suspended, or a lesser penalty imposed.

The Board shall ensure that all licence holders, applicants for a licence, and other parties involved in a hearing are provided with a fair and impartial process in accordance with the Act, Regulations, and policies.

Any proceedings before the Board for the cancellation or suspension of a licence must be held in accordance with the rules of natural justice, namely:

- the licence holder must know the nature of the accusation made;
- the licence holder must be given an opportunity to state their case; and
- the Board must act in good faith.

In Fiscal Year 2023-24, the Board held four show cause hearings.

Licence Holder	Show Cause Date	Alleged Violation	Disposition by Board
902776 NWT LTD o/a Storehouse Bar & Grill Licence #019	May 31, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowing Intoxicated persons to remain on the premises.</li> <li>• Allowed quarrelsome and disorderly conduct in the premises.</li> <li>• Allowed quarrelsome and disorderly conduct in the premises.</li> <li>• Did not ensure liquor sold on licence premises is not taken from the premises.</li> <li>• Allowing Intoxicated persons to remain on the premises.</li> </ul>	Total of \$9000 in fines, 3 days suspension of licence and all staff required to complete server training course with 60 days of the Boards decision
902776 NWT LTD o/a Storehouse Bar & Grill Licence #019	September 5, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowing Intoxicated persons to remain on the premises.</li> <li>• Selling alcohol to an intoxicated person</li> </ul>	Fine of \$5000 and 2 days suspension of licence.
Royal Canadian Legion #168 Licence #014	November 25, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowing persons who were not members or lawful guest of members of the club into the premises and serving them liquor</li> </ul>	Fine of \$2000
Royal Canadian Legion #168 Licence #014	March 11, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowing Intoxicated persons to remain on the premises.</li> <li>• Allowing Intoxicated persons to remain on the premises.</li> </ul>	Fine of \$5000 and 3 days suspension of Licence

### Public Hearings

Public hearings are required for new licences unless that requirement is waived by the Board, as required under section 28 of the Liquor Act.

There were no public hearings for new licences in fiscal year 2023-24.

### Gjoa Haven Plebiscite

A petition to change Gjoa Haven’s current liquor system from unrestricted to restricted by quantity was received by the Department of Finance on April 20, 2023.

On October 23, 2023, a plebiscite was held in Gjoa Haven, and the residents voted to continue the current prohibited alcohol control system in their community. There were 388 total votes, 60% (233 voters) of the residents voted against the motion and 40% (155 voters) voted for the motion, and there were 5 rejected ballots.

The consumption, possession, purchase, sale, or transport of liquor continues to be prohibited in Gjoa Haven.

# Liquor License Renewals

The Board continues to work with licence holders to improve its licensing processes and practices. As per section 17 of the *Liquor Act*, all licences issued under the Liquor Act expire on March 31, unless otherwise specified. Licence holders must annually submit a licence renewal application to the Board, who will issue a renewed licence valid for the following fiscal year. The Board renewed the following liquor licences for 2023-24:

Licence Number	Establishment Name	Type of Licence
001	Granite Dining Room and Banquet Rooms, Discovery Boutique Hotel, Iqaluit	Dining Room Liquor Licence
003	BPO Elks Lodge #570, Iqaluit	Club Liquor Licence
004	Arctic Club and Wolf's Den (Canadian Forces Station, Alert)	Canteen Liquor Licence
008	Frobisher Racquet Club, Ltd, Iqaluit	Private Recreational Facility Liquor Licence
014	Royal Canadian Legion Branch #168, Iqaluit	Club Liquor Licence
017	Frobisher Inn, Iqaluit	Guest Room Liquor Licence
018	Frobisher Kitchen & Eatery, Iqaluit	Dining Room Liquor Licence
019	Storehouse Bar & Grill, Iqaluit	Cocktail Lounge Liquor Licence
020	Arctic Watch Lodge, Kuuganajuk	Special Liquor Licence
023	L'Association des francophones du Nunavut, Iqaluit	Club Liquor Licence
025	RCMP Headquarters - All Ranks Mess, Iqaluit)	Canteen Liquor Licence
026	Ikaluktutiak Elks Lodge #593, Cambridge Bay	Club Liquor Licence
028	Dorset Suites, Huit Huit Tours Ltd, Kinngait	Guest Room Liquor Licence
030	Royal Canadian Legion Branch #169, Rankin Inlet	Club Liquor Licence
034	Chartroom, Iqaluit	Cocktail Lounge Liquor Licence
035	Aqsarniit Hotel and Conference Centre, Iqaluit	Dining Room Liquor Licence
036	Aqsarniit Hotel and Conference Centre, Iqaluit	Cocktail Lounge Liquor Licence
037	Nunavut Brewing Company Ltd, Iqaluit	Cocktail Lounge Liquor Licence
BP001	Nunavut Brewing Company Ltd, Iqaluit	Brewery Permit