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Kugluktuk to become unrestricted community

IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 23, 2018) – In a plebiscite held on October 22, Kugluktuk residents voted to end the current system of liquor restriction. A majority of voters, 60.8 per cent, were in favour of moving towards an unrestricted or “open” system for alcohol.

Under the *Liquor Act*, if at least 60 per cent of voters are in favour of changing the status of their community from restricted to unrestricted, the Minister must take steps to declare the community unregulated and subject only to the general liquor laws of Nunavut.

“The residents of Kugluktuk have spoken,” said Minister of Finance George Hickes. “In order to accommodate this plebiscite result, the Government of Nunavut will move forward with making the necessary regulatory changes in the near future.”

Until those changes are made, the Kugluktuk Alcohol Education Committee is still responsible for the approval of liquor sales in the community.

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