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Arviat and Coral Harbour to remain prohibited communities

Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 10, 2020) – Arviat and Coral Harbour residents have voted to continue the current system of liquor prohibition in plebiscites held on November 9. 47.4% per cent of voters in Arviat and 56.4% per cent of voters in Coral Harbour were against moving towards a restricted quantities system.

“At this time, the residents of Arviat and Coral Harbour have decided that their respective community should remain prohibited and I want to thank them for voting in the plebiscites,” said Minister of Finance George Hickes.

Under the *Liquor Act*, at least 60 per cent of voters are needed to change the status of a community from prohibited to restricted quantities.

The consumption, possession, purchase, sale or transport of liquor will continue to be prohibited in Arviat and Coral Harbour.

If residents of either community wish to revisit the matter in the future, a petition requesting a new plebiscite can be sent to the Minister of Finance.

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