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Iqaluit votes on off-premises liquor sales

Iqaluit, Nunavut (October 25, 2022) – In a plebiscite held on October 24, Iqaluit residents voted against allowing breweries in Iqaluit to apply to sell beer from their premises. To pass, at least 60 per cent of total votes must be in support of issuing of these licences in a community. Of the 374 total votes, 194 voters (51.9 per cent) were against this motion. The voter turnout was 9.18%.

Iqaluit breweries will not be able to apply to Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Board (NLCB) for a licence to sell their beer to customers from their premises. Locally-brewed beer is still available for purchase at the NULC store in Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet.

“Community choice is an integral part of our *Liquor* Act, and this plebiscite allowed Iqalumiut to voice their opinions on the control and sale of liquor in their community. We will support their choice regarding off-premises sales licences,” said Minister of Finance Lorne Kusugak.

Another plebiscite on whether to issue off-premises sales licences in Iqaluit will not be able to take place for the next three years.

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