

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
5TH COUNCIL, 33RD SESSION**

**REFERENCE FOR ADVICE
NO. 1-33**

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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

**REFERENCE FOR ADVICE NO. 1
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CHANGES IN LIQUOR ADMINISTRATION

DISPOSITION

Tabled	To Committee	Accepted as Read	Accepted as Amended	Deferred (to Session)	Rejected	Noted not Considered

CHANGES IN LIQUOR ADMINISTRATION

A request has been received from a Territorial hotel manager to allow the provision of music and to permit dancing in his licensed premises. Nothing in the Liquor Ordinance now prevents this, and I think that this practice should be encouraged. Studies made in the provinces show that this upgrades the atmosphere in drinking places. Every encouragement should be given licences to cultivate and operate drinking establishments which would provide patrons with a choice of social activities other than merely the consumption of beverage alcohol. In particular, the consumption of food should be encouraged to a much greater degree than at present. Food should be visible in some form on the premises to suggest and encourage its consumption. Food intake helps to reduce the amount of beverage alcohol consumed, and a full stomach helps appreciably to delay the absorbency rate of alcohol and thereby lessens intoxication.

The opportunity to engage in games - shuffle board, darts (there is a risk here to some degree - careless dart throwing can be fatal), checkers, chess, etc. should be encouraged as one way of changing present public houses into more socially-oriented and socially acceptable places than they are at present. Music, dancing and singing, would have important roles to play in the development of such social settings and should be encouraged. There is considerable precedent for this kind of activity in private clubs, Canadian Legion Halls, and similar establishments.

A second question which concerns me is the purchase of beer in beer parlours for off-premises consumption. This is a costly thing for the consumer, and unnecessary because of the ready availability of retail outlets in the same communities in which beer parlours are found. Too often persons in advanced states of intoxication make use of this facility. Similar purchase of wine and distilled spirits is not permitted. I believe that the abolishing of this form of outlet would prevent considerable alcohol abuse.

The Commissioner requests the advice of Council on these matters.

B.G. Sivertz,
Commissioner