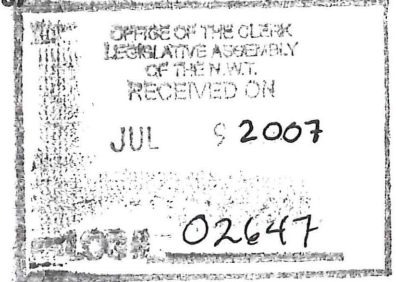




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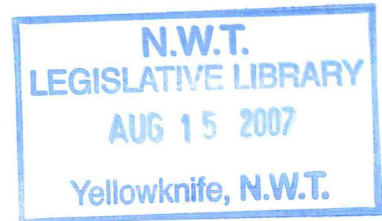
Petition 2-15(6), The Abuse of Alcohol in the Community of Tulita

Further to Petition 2-15(6), presented to the House on May 15, 2007 by the Member for Sahtu, Mr. Norman Yakeleya, a response is attached.

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Attachment

cc: Mr. Kevin O'Keefe, Legislative Coordinator



Petition tabled by Mr. Norman Yakeleya on May 15, 2007

Response by the Honourable Floyd K. Roland
Minister of Finance

The Abuse of Alcohol in the Community of Tulita

The current *Liquor Act* allows any NWT community, by holding a plebiscite and obtaining a vote of at least 60 per cent in favour, to implement restrictions on the amount of alcohol individuals in the community may purchase, possess, consume or transport. Communities may also, by plebiscite, vote to prohibit the possession or consumption of alcohol entirely. Twelve communities in the NWT have either restricted or prohibited alcohol in this way.

In addition, the Minister responsible may place restrictions on the quantities that may be sold at any liquor store. Two NWT liquor stores are subject to this type of restriction. Purchasers may only purchase their own ration.

Liquor stores in the NWT must abide by these restrictions. Mail orders into these communities are subject to the restrictions imposed through community plebiscites.

The Legislative Assembly is currently reviewing new liquor legislation for the NWT. The changes proposed include:

- lowering the requirement for a successful plebiscite to 50 per cent of votes cast plus one;
- increasing the maximum fines for bootlegging to \$25,000 for an individual and \$50,000 for a corporation; and
- allowing for regulations that would require permits for the purchase and/or transportation of large quantities of alcohol.

