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**ANNUAL REPORT
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N.W.T. LIQUOR
LICENSING BOARD**

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Northwest Territories Liquor Licensing Board

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MINISTER OF
GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Pursuant to section 7.3(1) of the Liquor Act, I am pleased to submit the annual report of the NWT Liquor Licensing Board. Although the Act states a report on the financial matters must be prepared, since 1984 this has been incorporated into the Annual Report of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Seamus Henry'.

Seamus Henry,
Chairman

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MANDATE

Part I of the Liquor Act establishes the Liquor Licensing Board which is responsible for granting, renewing, transferring, suspending and cancelling licences and permits, controlling the conduct of licensees, their management and equipment in licensed premises and the conditions under which liquor may be sold or consumed. In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Board advises the Minister on all matters of policy, legislation and administration relating to the sale, distribution and consumption of liquor.

BOARD MEMBERS

Membership: The Liquor Act provides for up to nine members.

Chairman: Seamus Henry, Yellowknife

Members: Bernadette Makpah, Rankin Inlet
Diana Tingmiak, Inuvik
Douglas Cooper, Yellowknife
Paul Kaeser, Fort Smith
Gordon Rennie, Iqaluit
Peter Baril, Iqaluit

Membership Changes

James Lepine of Hay River resigned effective September 30, 1989 to take up residence in Alberta.

Peter Baril's term expired in November 1989 and he was re-appointed in February 1990.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Work of the Board:

The Board met 13 times during 1989-90. Four of the meetings were held outside of Yellowknife. The Board held seven show cause hearings during 1989-90 compared to four during 1988-89.

A show cause hearing is a proceeding before the Board for the licensee to show cause to the Board why a licence(s) should not be cancelled or suspended. The hearings are held due to allegations of violations of the Liquor Act and regulations from investigations by the Liquor Inspector or the R.C.M.P. and are presented to the Board for their decision.

The Board continues to review legislation and implement policies as required on an ongoing basis.

Decisions:

Hearing 1. Allegation - Licensee convicted of impaired driving. Licensee closed business prior to hearing being held.

Board Decision: Liquor licences cancelled.

Hearing 2. Allegation - Overserving.

Board Decision: Fined \$500.00 plus \$ 75.00 Victims of Crime surcharge.

Hearing 3. Allegation - Allowing drunkenness and failing to display an approved price list.

Board Decision: Fined \$1000 and two cocktail lounge licences suspended on a Friday and Saturday.

Hearing 4. Allegations - Allowing drunkenness, supplying liquor to a person in an apparently intoxicated condition.

Board Decision: Cocktail lounge licence suspended for eight days.

Hearing 5. Allegations - Allowing drunkenness.

Board Decision: Fined \$500.00 and cocktail lounge licence suspended on a Friday and Saturday.

Hearing 6. Allegations - Allowing drunkenness; allowing a person under the age of 19 to remain in the licensed premises.

Board Decision: Liquor licences cancelled.

Hearing 7. Allegation - Failing to display approved price list; charging prices in excess of approved prices; serving in excess of maximum drinks allowed; supplying to a person under the age of 19.

Board Decision: Fined \$800.00 and liquor licences suspended for 10 days.

Licensed Establishments:

In 1989-90 the Board granted seven new dining lounge licences; four cocktail lounge licences and two off-premises licences.

Two dining lounge licences were cancelled; two cocktail lounge licences were cancelled and one off-premises licence expired and was not renewed.

	<u>1989-90</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
Dining Room	44	39
Cocktail Lounge	46	43
Guest Room Licences	17	18
Clubs	14	17
Canteen	13	16
Off Premises	15	14
Aircraft	03	03
Private Recreational	01	01
Special	20	20
Cultural	<u>01</u>	<u>01</u>
	174	172
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Special Occasion Permits:

There were 1216 special occasion permits issued in the Northwest Territories in 1989-90 compared to 1272 in 1988-89.

Inspections:

The inspections program, which is responsible for regular inspection of licensed premises and special occasion functions, consists of the senior liquor inspector located in Yellowknife who is assisted by one other full time inspector located in Hay River and six contract inspectors located in various communities. The two full time inspectors travel throughout the territories to inspect licensed premises as required.

The Board is pleased with a contractual agreement made with the municipality of Iqaluit. In the coming year inspection of licensed premises in Iqaluit will be performed by the municipal by-law officers.

The RCMP Walkthrough Program is an inspection program done by the detachment members in communities where there are licensed premises. This program has been in place since July 1988.

Inspections Performed 1989-90

Yellowknife	215
Hay River	56
Fort Smith	186
Inuvik	339
Iqaluit	38
Fort Simpson	45
Fort Providence	25
Norman Wells	<u>7</u>

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Revenue Sources:

The Liquor Licensing Board receives revenue for special occasion licences, liquor licences fees (renewals and new licences), licensee's fee (5% on all liquor purchased by licensees), identification cards and fines.

	<u>1989-90</u> projected	<u>1988-89</u> actual
Special Occasion Licences	\$ 50,000.	\$ 35,324.
Licence Fees	80,000.	75,414.
Licensee fees	445,643.	415,857.
ID cards	2,000.	1,614.
Fines	<u>2,875.</u>	<u>500.</u>
	580,518.	528,709.
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OBJECTIVES FOR 1990-91 AND BEYOND

- 1) To reduce the problems relating to alcohol abuse through increased co-operation with licensees, municipalities and other provincial liquor boards.
- 2) To create a greater public awareness of the duties and responsibilities of the NWT Liquor Licensing Board through more public meetings outside of Yellowknife.
- 3) To continue the review of the Liquor Act and regulations and development of appropriate amendments.
- 4) Review of liquor licence fee structure.
- 5) Work to promote local by-law inspections using Iqaluit as a working model.