



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

**1990-91**

# Northwest Territories Liquor Licensing Board

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MINISTER  
DEPARTMENT 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 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1991.

Respectfully submitted.



Seamus Henry  
Chairman

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## **M A N D A T E**

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

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### Work of the Board

The Board met fifteen times during 1990-91. The Minister of Government Services met with the Board pursuant to section 7(1) of the Liquor Act and encouraged the Board in its 1990-91 objectives to inform residents of the communities of the NWT where licensed premises operate, of its role, responsibilities and activities. This directive was carried out by way of public meetings being held in Rankin Inlet, Fort Smith, Iqaluit, Fort McPherson Inuvik, Fort Providence and Hay River. These meetings were found to be beneficial to both the Board and the residents of the communities.

The Board held three show cause hearings during 1990-91 compared to seven during 1989-90. 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 its decision.

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

The objectives for 1990-91 were achieved with the exception of reviewing the liquor licence fee structure.

### Decisions:

Hearing 1. Allegation - allowing drunkenness and supplying liquor to a person in an apparently intoxicated condition.

**Board Decision:** Licences suspended for three days and staff members required to attend a server intervention seminar.

Hearing 2. Allegation - allowing drunkenness and allowing a person under the age of 19 to remain in the licensed premises.

**Board Decision:** Liquor licence suspended for three days and staff members required to attend a server intervention seminar.

Hearing 3. Allegation - Allowing drunkenness and supplying liquor to a person in an apparently intoxicated condition.

**Board Decision:** Liquor licence suspended for two days and staff members required to attend a server intervention seminar.

**Licensed Establishments:**

In 1990-91 the Board granted one new dining lounge licence; two cocktail lounge licences; two guest room licences; one club licence and one private recreational facility licence.

One dining room licence was cancelled at the request of the licensee; three guest room licences and five special licences were not renewed.

	<b><u>1990-91</u></b>	<b><u>1989-90</u></b>
Dining Room	44	44
Cocktail Lounge	48	46
Guest Room Licences	16	17
Clubs	15	14
Canteen	13	13
Off Premises	15	15
Aircraft	03	03
Private Recreational	02	01
Special	15	20
Cultural	<u>01</u>	<u>01</u>
	<b><u>172</u></b>	<b><u>174</u></b>

**Special Occasion Permits:**

There were 1178 special occasion permits issued in the Northwest Territories in 1990-91 compared to 1216 in 1989-90.

**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 RCMP Walkthrough Program is an inspection program done by the detachment members in communities where there are licensed premises. Some detachments record routine patrols using the walkthrough form. Others will do the patrols and use the form to report problems only.

This program has been in place since July 1988.

**Inspections Performed 1990-91**

	<b><u>NWT Liquor</u></b>	
	<b><u>Inspectors</u></b>	<b><u>RCMP</u></b>
Yellowknife	137	03
Hay River	58	0
Fort Smith	47	126
Inuvik	27	345
Iqaluit	127	02
Fort Simpson	23	24
Fort Providence	11	04
Norman Wells	08	05
Fort McPherson	01	0
Rankin Inlet	<u>01</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b><u>440</u></b>	<b><u>509</u></b>



## Education for Licensees

The Senior Liquor Inspector has been involved in the development of a Server Training Program with an Interprovincial Committee. A form of this program has been delivered to licensees and their staff in Yellowknife, Inuvik, Norman Wells, Fort Providence and Fort Smith during 1990-91.

## 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>1990-91</u> <u>Projected</u>	<u>1989-90</u> <u>Actuals</u>
Special Occasion Licences	\$ 40,000	\$ 53,500
Licence Fees	35,000	24,500
Licensee Fees	505,000	497,115
ID Cards	4,000	2,016
Fines	<u>800</u>	<u>2,075</u>
	<u>\$584,800</u>	<u>\$579,206</u>

## 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.
- 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.
- 6) To review the pricing policy in licensed premises.