

COMMUNITY STATUS

ISSUE

Communities in the Northwest Territories have options available to them regarding their liquor status. Communities in the Northwest Territories are classed as either:

Unrestricted There are no restrictions beyond those that are described in the Liquor Act and Regulations.

Restricted The restriction may limit the quantity and/or frequency of alcohol brought into a community; limit the quantity and hours of sale at a liquor store or require individuals to seek prior approval from a community alcohol education committee to bring in a limited amount of alcohol into a community.

Prohibited Alcohol is prohibited.

UNRESTRICTED COMMUNITIES

Aklavik	Hay River*	Trout Lake
Colville Lake	Inuvik*	Tuktoyaktuk
Enterprise	Jean Marie River	Wrigley
Fort Providence	Kakisa	Yellowknife*
Fort Resolution	Sachs Harbour	
Fort Smith*		

*These communities have licensed premises and a liquor store/liquor warehouse.

RESTRICTED COMMUNITIES

There are two types of restrictions that can apply:

- (1) Through community options; or
- (2) The Minister may impose a restriction on the operating hours of a liquor store and/or the amount of liquor to be purchased in a certain period.

Behchokò

The restriction applies to the amount of liquor an individual can possess or transport in any one-month within a 25-km radius of the hamlet office. The amount of liquor permitted is one 750 ml container of spirits and either; **(a)** 24 containers (355 ml) of beer; **(b)** 12 containers (355 ml) of beer and one 750 ml container of wine or **(c)** two 750 ml containers of wine.

Deline

On March 5, 2008 Deline became a restricted community where no individual can bring into the community in any 24-hour period or possess at any time within a 25 km radius of the Deline Charter Community Office an amount of liquor that exceeds any one of the following combinations. Combination: **(a)** 1140 ml of spirits and 12 containers (355 ml) of beer; **(b)** 1140 ml of spirits and two litres of wine; **(c)** 12 containers (355 ml) of beer and two ml litres of wine; **(d)** 24 containers (355 ml) of beer and one litre of wine. The restriction regulations authorize the Deline Dene Council to bring into and possess in the restricted area greater quantities of liquor for consumption at a wedding, community dance or other special events.

Dettah

The restriction applies to the amount of liquor an individual can possess in any one month. This is either; **(a)** 12 containers (355 ml) of beer and 1 container (750 ml) of spirits; or **(b)** 4,500 ml of wine.

Fort Good Hope

The restriction applies to the amount of liquor a person can possess in a seven-day period. A person may possess one of the following quantities of liquor; **(a)** 1140 ml of spirits and one dozen (355 ml) containers of beer; **(b)** 1140 ml of spirits and two litres of wine; **(c)** one dozen (355 ml) containers of beer and two litres of wine; **(d)** two dozen (355 ml) containers of beer and one litre of wine.

Fort Liard

The restriction applies to the amount of liquor a person can transport into the community over a one-week period. A person may transport either **(a)** 1140 ml of spirits; **(b)** two dozen containers (355 ml) of beer; or **(c)** two containers (750 ml) of wine. The restriction does not apply to the purchase, sale or transportation of liquor by the municipal or band council where liquor shall be consumed at community dances.

Fort McPherson

On February 15, 2007 Fort McPherson became a restricted community where a person is prohibited from: **(a)** bringing into the restricted area, in any seven day period, a quantity of liquor that is in excess of one of the following combinations, **(b)** operating within the restricted area a vehicle having two or more occupants and transporting a quantity of liquor that is in excess of two of the following combinations. **Combination 1:** 2280 ml of spirits and 24 containers (355 ml) of beer; **Combination 2:** 2280 ml of spirits and four litres of wine; **Combination 3:** 24 containers (355 ml) of beer and four litres of wine; **Combination 4:** 48 containers (355 ml) of beer and two litres of wine.

Norman Wells

The restriction applies to the amount of liquor an individual can purchase at the liquor store and to the operating hours of the liquor store. On any given day a person may purchase either; **(a)** 1140 ml of spirits and 12 containers (355 ml) of beer; **(b)** 1140 ml of spirits and two litres of wine; **(c)** two litres of wine and 12 containers (355 ml) of beer; **(d)** 24 containers (355 ml) of beer and one litre of wine. Store hours are from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday - Friday and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Fort Simpson

The restriction applies to the amount of liquor an individual can purchase at the liquor store and to the operating hours of the liquor store. On any given day a person may purchase either; **(a)** 1140 ml of spirits and 12 containers (355 ml) of beer; **(b)** 1140 ml of spirits and two litres of wine; **(c)** two litres of wine and 12 containers (355 ml) of beer; **(d)** 24 containers (355 ml) of beer and one litre of wine. Store hours are from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday - Wednesday and 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday - Saturday.

Paulatuk

On January 14, 2008 Paulatuk became a restricted community. Under the restricted system, a person will be prohibited from bringing into the restricted area in any seven day period, and from possessing in the restricted area at any time, a quantity of liquor that is in excess of one of the following combinations: **(a)** 1140 ml of spirits and 12 container (355 ml) of beer; **(b)** 1140 ml of spirits and two litres of wine; **(c)** 12 containers (355 ml) of beer and two litres of wine; **(d)** 24 containers (355 ml) of beer and 750 ml of spirits; **(e)** 1175 ml of spirits.

Tulita

On November 18, 2007 Tulita became a restricted community where a person is prohibited from bringing into the restricted area, in any 24 hour period, and from possessing in the restricted area, at any time, a quantity of liquor that is in excess of the following combinations: **(a)** 1140 ml of spirits and 12 container (355 ml) of beer; **(b)** 1140 ml of spirits and two litres of wine; **(c)** 12 containers (355 ml) of beer and two litres of wine; **(d)** 24 containers (355 ml) of beer and one litre of wine.

Ulukhaktok

On June 16th 2008 Ulukhaktok became a restricted community. Under the restricted system, a person will be prohibited from bringing into the community in any seven day period, and from possessing at any time, a quantity of liquor that is in excess of one of the following combinations: **(a)** 1140 ml of spirits and 12 container (355 ml) of beer; **(b)** 1140 ml of spirits and two litres of wine; **(c)** 12 containers (355 ml) of beer and two litres of wine; **(d)** 24 containers (355 ml) of beer and one 750 ml bottle of hard liquor; **(e)** 1775 ml of spirits of hard liquor.

A prohibition may include the consumption, possession, purchase, sale or transport of liquor into a community. Any liquor being transported through a prohibited area must be sealed during the time the traveler is in the prohibited area.

Prohibited Communities

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Some Communities in the NWT have made unique decisions regarding the availability of alcohol in their community. There are 3 different classifications for these communities: unrestricted, restricted and prohibited. Click on the PDF to learn more about this topic.