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Liquor Plebiscite

Rankin Inlet, Nunavut - May 17, 2010

There will be no change in the liquor status of Pond Inlet as a result of a liquor plebiscite held today.

The Minister of Finance having received a petition from more than 20 eligible voters ordered a plebiscite to find out if the voters in Pond Inlet wanted to end the Health and Social Services Committee's authority to review and approve liquor orders.

40 voters cast a ballot at the advance vote on May 10. When polls closed today at 7pm a total of 383 (62%) of 614 eligible voters had cast a ballot. 112 (29%) voted for change, while 271 (71%) voted to retain the current system. There was 1 rejected ballot.

For change to occur in a community's liquor status at least 60% of the valid votes cast must be in favour of the question.

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