

Application to Renew a Premises Licence

Northwest Territories Liquor Licensing Board

IN THE MATTER of an application for the renewal of a Premises Licence,

AND IN THE MATTER of the *Liquor Act* S.N.W.T. 2007, c.15 ("the Act") and the *Liquor Regulations*, R-069-2008 ("the Regulations") as amended;

Regarding:

Godwin Stores Ltd.

Licence Holder

Carrying on Business as

Lizard's Lounge & Lanes

Licensed Premises

Heard via Teleconference on the 24th day of March 2017.

Hearing Panel: Colin Baile, Adelle Guigon, Linda Martin, Wayne Smith.

Appearances: None

In accordance with section 13(6) of the Act, the Board considered an application for the renewal of a Premises Licence.

ORDER

Pursuant to section 13(6) of the Act, the Board orders the following:

- 1. The application to renew Class D Premises Licence 2015-D-24 issued to Godwin Stores Ltd. for the premises known as Lizard's Lounge & Lanes located at 10-66 Woodland Drive Hay River, NT is granted with the following conditions:
 - I. No liquor may be sold or served to a patron unless the patron has, within 2 hours of the service, purchased a game of bowling for him/herself;
 - II. The Licence Holder shall provide to the Board, quarterly income statements for the Licensed Premises, within 30 days of the end of each quarter;
- III. The Licensed Premises operating hours shall be Wednesday to Saturday 7:00pm to 12:00am.
- 2. The renewal shall be for a one (1) year term.

Dated at the City of Yellowknife, this 27th day of March 2017.

Colin Baile, Chairperson, on behalf of and with the concurrence of the other panel members

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Reasons for Decision

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The background and reasoning of this renewal application is well considered in the Board's two prior decisions and shall not be repeated here.

The Board panel met for a third time to consider this licence renewal application. The Licence Holder provided alternative operating hours as a means of reducing the significant portion of revenue realized from the sale of liquor. Also provided was the Licensed Premises' present schedule of adult/minor and league play times.

In consideration of the Licence Holder's submissions, the Board considered the nature of the Licensed Premises, the times of operation of the business, and the schedule of the adult and youth league bowling as well as the "drop-in" hours of operation.

The Board has no control, oversight, or role in this business' hours of operation. The Board does however have the responsibility for licensing the service and sale of liquor under a premises' licence. The Board is bound by the legislative framework for licensing.

The Licence Holder has suggested reduced hours for its Licensed Premises in order to comply with the "incidental" nature of a Class D licence.

The Board found the suggested reduction of hours did not fully meet the intention of a Class D licence and therefore set the Licensed Premises hours of operation to reflect such a licence.

The Board requires periodic financial reporting in order to confirm the continuing eligibility of the Licence Holder.

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