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THE LIQUOR CONTROL ACT AND REGULATION AMENDMENTS

MINORS IN LICENSED PREMISES

Effective January 1, 2012, the identification requirements at licensed premises will change. Acceptable forms of identification will now be:

- ◆ A valid identification card belonging to that person issued by Manitoba Public Insurance
- OR
- ◆ Two valid pieces of government-issued identification belonging to that person (with at least one piece of identification containing a photograph of that person)

BRING YOUR OWN WINE

Effective November, 2011, licensees holding a dining room licence will now have the option to allow their patrons to bring their own unopened bottle of commercially produced wine into their premises. The bottle will be opened and served by staff of the licensed premises in the same manner as any product purchased under the dining room licence and all regulations regarding the sale and service apply. Licensees may choose to charge a corkage fee for this service.

BREW PUB LICENCE

Effective November, 2011, a new class of licence has been created for brew pubs. A brew pub is a licensed premises that manufactures beer for on-premises consumption and may offer off-premises sales. A licensee holding a dining room, cocktail lounge, beverage room or cabaret licence may acquire a brew pub licence.

MULTI-YEAR LIQUOR LICENCES

As part of Manitoba's new hospitality strategy and our focus on red tape reduction, the Licensing Department is now in a position to issue licences for up to three years. Licensees will no longer be required to submit paperwork annually; it will be required only in the year of renewal. Also, in order to improve customer service, we will stagger renewal dates rather than having all licences expire at once.

Beginning November, 2011:

- ◆ New licences - Licences will now be issued on a three year term, effective the date of issuance.
- ◆ Existing licensed premises - All liquor licences are currently set to expire March 31, 2012. In January, 2012, rather than receiving your Annual Renewal of Licence Application, you will receive your new licence(s) in the mail, with the expiry date automatically extended. **All that is required from you this year is payment of your annual fee.**

We have planned a phased implementation for existing licensees, and are dividing licensees into two groups for processing as follows:

- ◆ **EFT customers:** Your existing licence will automatically be extended by an additional **2 years**. Our Finance Department will send you an invoice for your licence payment (in early March) and your payment will be processed through your account on March 31, 2012 and then again on March 31, 2013. You won't be required to submit a Renewal of Licence Application until the following year, 2014.
- ◆ **Non-EFT customers:** Your existing licence will automatically be extended by an additional **1 year**. You will receive a payment reminder letter and your payment must be received by **March 31, 2012**. You will be required to renew your licence in the following year, 2013.

Late payments will result in a \$50.00 late payment fee and could result in the suspension of your licence.

If you are not currently an EFT customer but wish to take advantage of the opportunity to be processed as an EFT customer, please contact our Finance Department at 474-5689 and they will be happy to assist you. An EFT application form can also be found on our website at www.mlcc.mb.ca under Licences & Permits.

If you become an EFT customer by November 30, 2011, you will receive the two year extension.

LICENSEE TRAINING

With so many new changes, we encourage you to take the opportunity to contact your district inspector and they will be happy to conduct staff training sessions to update your employees on all of the changes.

REMINDERS

SELLING YOUR LICENSED PREMISES OR A CHANGE IN SHARES IN YOUR CORPORATION

We would like to remind you that liquor licences in Manitoba are not transferable, and any change in the ownership of shares in a corporation requires prior approval from the MLCC. If you have plans to sell your licensed premises, feel free to contact us and we can assist you and your purchaser with a smooth transition.

For information regarding a purchase or a change in ownership of shares please contact Tracey Thorsteinsson, Senior Licensing Clerk, at 474-5606 or toll free 1-888-898-MLCC (6522).

QUARTERLY FOOD & LIQUOR SALES REPORTS

Just a reminder to all licensees holding dining room, cocktail lounge and/or cabaret licences that you are no longer required to submit quarterly food to liquor ratio reports to the MLCC. These records must be kept as you may be required to submit information upon request.

HOLIDAY USE OF BEVERAGE ROOMS AND COCKTAIL LOUNGES

For licensees who wish to use their beverage room or cocktail lounge areas on holidays (Good Friday, Easter Sunday and/or Christmas Day), **under the same terms and conditions as their dining room licence**, please submit a request, in writing, indicating which holiday(s) you wish to use. This special authorization will be added onto your licence at renewal time. **This is a one-time approval process and eliminates the need to submit annual requests.**

Licensees currently operating under beverage room or cocktail lounge licences wanting to have this authorization added onto next year's licence are asked to have their request submitted as soon as possible.

HOLIDAY HOURS

REMEMBRANCE DAY – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011

Licensees are reminded of special liquor serving hours as follows:

- ◆ **Dining rooms and veterans' associations** - 12:00 noon to 2:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Cocktail lounges, beverage rooms, cabarets, sports facilities, spectator activities facilities, private clubs and transportation** – 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Retail beer vendors** – 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011

Licensees are reminded of special liquor serving hours on Christmas Day, as follows:

- ◆ dining rooms and spectator activities licences (if live event taking place) – **may be open 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.**
- ◆ cocktail lounge, beverage room, cabaret, sports facilities, private club & retail licences – **closed.**
- ◆ cocktail lounges and beverage rooms may, upon written authorization from the MLCC, operate as a dining room.

NEW YEAR'S EVE – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2011

Licensees may sell and serve liquor until 3:00 a.m. on New Year's Eve, as long as a meal is provided for all patrons during the evening. Liquor may be consumed (but not sold) for the 60 minute period following, with all liquor removed from the patrons and tables no later than 4:00 a.m. **Regular hours apply to retail beer vendors, which must close no later than 2:30 a.m.**

You are encouraged to be part of a safe ride home program such as Operation Red Nose throughout the holiday season.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS

As services provided by the MLCC continue to expand, we have found the need for more space to meet the needs of our customers and licensees. Effective mid December, 2011, the Regulatory Services Department (which includes Licences & Permits and Inspection Services) will be moving to a new building immediately adjacent to our Head Office Building. The new address is:

Unit 10 – 1146 Waverley Street
Winnipeg, MB R3T 0P4

All phone numbers will remain the same and all correspondence will still be routed through our Head Office address.

STAFFING NEWS

- ◆ Inspector Keith Guay moved from Thompson to our Winnipeg Office. Keith will be working in District 8 - St. James.
- ◆ Inspector Wally Acuna joined the Inspection team in September. Wally will be working in District 7 - Fort Garry.
- ◆ Inspector Czeslaw (Chester) Vrabic joined the Thompson Inspection team in September.

The **Licensee Newsletter** is published periodically to provide licensees and interested parties with information regarding current issues and happenings at the MLCC. Contributions or comments are welcome.

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Manager	Sandra Currie	474-5612
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*See district numbers/areas listed below.

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3. Osborne Village, Fort Rouge	Lurdes Boulet	474-5576
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7. Fort Garry, Fort Richmond, River Heights, Charleswood	Wally Acuna	474-5587
8. St. James	Keith Guay	474-5557
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10. Southeast (Altona, Steinbach, Falcon Lake, Morris)	Dave Bilyk	474-5556
11. South Central (Portage la Prairie, Morden, Carman, Winkler)	Steve Harapiak	474-5589
12. Interlake (Gimli, Stonewall, Ashern, Teulon, Riverton)	Alicia Gauthier	474-5586
13. Brandon South	Lisa Noctor	726-6491
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Disciplinary Summary for the Period of January 24, 2011 to September 30, 2011

The following licensed premises were brought up for hearings on disciplinary matters. Suspensions or fines for similar infractions may vary in length according to the specifics of each case and/or the licensee's record of operation.

Jack Pine Resort	Failure to submit food and liquor sales reports for two reporting periods	Warning to comply with the provisions of <i>The Liquor Control Act</i> and Regulations
Times Change Café	Overcapacity	Suspension of private club licence for 2 days
Woodbine Hotel	Service to person who appears to be intoxicated; Person who appears to be intoxicated in possession of liquor	Suspension of beverage room licence for 3 days and monetary penalty of \$2,000.00
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Manwin Hotel	Intoxicated person in possession of liquor	Suspension of beverage room licence for 1 day
Sutherland Hotel	Consumption of liquor in dining room without a meal; service of liquor during unauthorized times in dining room; interference with duties of inspection; manager consuming; manager not certified in <i>It's Good Business</i>	Suspension of dining room licence for 2 days
Azores Sports Club	Intoxicated person in possession of liquor	Suspension of private club licence for 3 days
Academy Foods Drinks Music	Failure to submit food and liquor sales for two reporting periods	Suspension of cabaret licence for 1 day
Alive in the District	Sale or service of liquor to intoxicated person	\$4,000.00 monetary penalty
New Cavalier Motor Hotel	Sale or service of liquor to intoxicated person	Warning to comply with the provisions of <i>The Liquor Control Act</i> and Regulations
Meiji Sushi & Japanese Restaurant	Persons in cocktail lounge after 60 minute clearing time; Failure to remove liquor following 60 minute clearing time	Suspension of cocktail lounge licence for 2 days
St. Boniface Hotel	Intoxicated person in possession; Service of more than two drinks to one individual	Suspension of beverage room licence for 2 days
Mystique Nightclub	Intoxicated person in possession of liquor	Suspension of cabaret licence for 1 day
Cousin's Deli	Liquor served in dining room without a meal; Improper billing in dining room; Employee without <i>It's Good Business</i>	Suspension of dining room and cocktail lounge licences for 3 days
Moxie's Classic Grill, MTS Centre	Service to intoxicated person	Suspension of cocktail lounge licence for 1 day
Republic of the Exchange Nightclub	Minor in cabaret	Monetary penalty of \$5,000.00
Nor-Villa Motor Hotel	Person who appears to be intoxicated in possession of liquor	Warning to comply with the provisions of <i>The Liquor Control Act</i> and Regulations
Alive in the District	Overcapacity	Suspension of cabaret licence for 3 days
Montcalm Motor Hotel	Minor in beverage room	Monetary penalty of \$1,500.00
Civita Restaurant and Red Cactus Bar	Overcapacity	Monetary penalty of \$2,000.00
Dylan O'Connor's Irish Pub & Restaurant (Pembina Hwy)	Not operating under conditions of Notice of Required Changes	Suspension of cabaret licence for 14 days
Marlborough Hotel	Minors consuming	Monetary penalty of \$1,000.00
Dylan O'Connor's Irish Pub & Restaurant (Pembina Hwy)	Minor in cabaret and minor consuming	Cancellation of cabaret licence
New Cavalier Motor Hotel	Intoxicated person in possession	Warning to comply with the provisions of <i>The Liquor Control Act</i> and Regulations
Meiji Sushi & Japanese Restaurant	Overcapacity	Suspension of cocktail lounge licence for 3 days
Silver Heights Restaurant	Overcapacity	Monetary penalty of \$500.00
Dylan O'Connor's Irish Pub & Restaurant (Portage Ave)	Overcapacity	Monetary penalty of \$1,250.00
La Salle Hotel	Service to intoxicated	Monetary penalty of \$500.00
Selkirk Motor Hotel	Minor in beverage room; Overcapacity	Monetary penalty of \$500.00
Palomino Club	Minor in cabaret	Monetary penalty of \$1,000.00
Morden Motor Hotel	Minor in beverage room	Warning to comply with the provisions of <i>The Liquor Control Act</i> and Regulations
Beausejour Hotel	Minor in beverage room	Warning to comply with the provisions of <i>The Liquor Control Act</i> and Regulations and mandatory staff training

During the same period above, Commission administration issued **121** warning letters and conducted **30** meetings with licensees regarding breaches of *The Liquor Control Act* and regulations.