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The Nunavut Liquor and Cannabis Board held a show cause hearing on October 20, 2020 to consider allegations of contraventions of the Nunavut *Liquor Act* and *Liquor Regulations* made in respect of the operations of the Ikaluktutiak Elks #593, in Cambridge Bay, holder of liquor licence #026.

The Licence Holder did not acknowledge that it had contravened the liquor legislation as alleged and the Board therefore held a hearing and heard from a number of witnesses for Liquor Enforcement and for the Licence Holder. After deliberation, the Board concluded that the charges were established and found the Licence Holder had contravened the legislation as charged.

On October 26, 2020, the Board reconvened to consider submissions in relation to penalty from the parties. The Board has ordered the Licence holder to pay fines totaling $5,000 and has suspended Licence #026 for five consecutive days from November 3 to November 7, 2020.

The Board acknowledges that a five-day suspension is a significant penalty, but it is warranted by the serious nature of the contravention for which it was imposed. The Licence Holder was found by the Board to have obstructed the Liquor Inspector in the performance of her duties under the *Liquor* Act and the *Liquor Regulations.*

The Licence Holder was also found to have contravened provisions of the Regulations relating to service of liquor and maintenance of a liquor inventory list.

The *Liquor Act* provides the Board with the authority to impose a maximum fine of $5,000 per offence and to suspend a licence after a show cause hearing for a period of time that may be as long as 12 months. In making its decisions, the Board is mindful of the public interest and the expectation of Nunavummiut that their liquor laws will be obeyed.

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