

Alcohol Policy for Springhill Fire Hall Community Room

This policy must be agreed to by all renters when using the facility for an event where alcohol is present.

1. Licensing and Legal Requirements

- **Special Occasion Permit (SOP):** The renter is responsible for obtaining the appropriate Special Occasion Liquor Licence from the Nova Scotia AGFT at least 10 business days before the event. A copy of this license must be provided to the Springhill Fire Department, the Springhill Fire Fighters Association, or Municipality of Cumberland management prior to the event and must be visibly displayed during the event.
- **Alcohol Purchase:** All alcohol for the event must be purchased from a Nova Scotia Liquor Commission (NSLC) location, an approved agency store, or a permitted manufacturer. The license number must appear on all receipts, and these receipts must be available for inspection during the event.
- **Prohibited Alcohol:** Homemade wine, beer, or spirits, as well as products from "U-Brew/U-Vint" retail outlets, are strictly prohibited on the premises.
- **Compliance:** The renter must comply with all federal, provincial, and municipal statutes, regulations, and by-laws, including the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act and fire prevention regulations.

2. Event Operation Guidelines

- **Serving Area:** Alcohol must be served from a designated bar area only. Guests are not permitted to leave the building with any drinks, including alcoholic beverages.
- **Age Restrictions:** Alcohol service and consumption is strictly limited to persons 19 years of age or older. Valid photo ID must be requested to ensure compliance.
- **Minors:** If minors (under 19) are attending the event (e.g., a wedding reception), a physical division between the licensed and unlicensed areas may be required, subject to approval by the AGFT Investigation & Enforcement Division. Minors are never permitted in the bar area.
- **Serving Practices:**
 - Servers must be certified in a responsible beverage server training program (e.g., "Serve Right"). Any costs associated with hiring certified Serve Right servers' is the sole responsibility of the renter. A copy of the certificate may be requested.
 - No more than two drinks are to be served to one person at a time.

- Low-alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages, along with food, must be available throughout the event.
- "All you can drink" events are strictly prohibited; alcohol must be sold per drink.
- Hours of Operation: Bar service hours must be clearly stated in the rental agreement and must not exceed the times approved on the liquor license, typically no later than 2:00 am.
- Last Call: A "last call" announcement must be made, and patrons must vacate the premises by the end time specified on the liquor license.

3. Liability and Insurance

- Renter Responsibility: The renter assumes full responsibility and liability for the conduct of all attendees and any damages to the premises resulting from their occupancy or use.
- Indemnification: The Renter agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Springhill Fire Department, the Springhill Fire Fighters Association, and the Municipality of Cumberland, along with their members, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, costs, or expenses (including reasonable legal fees) arising out of or in connection with the Renter's use of the facility. This includes, but is not limited to, claims related to injury, loss, or damage to persons or property occurring during or as a result of the rental, except to the extent caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the parties being indemnified. The renter shall indemnify and hold harmless the Springhill Fire Department, the Springhill Fire Fighters Association, and the Municipality of Cumberland and its Board of Directors against all liability, claims, damages, or expenses arising from the event.
- Insurance: Renters are required to obtain liability insurance for their event, and a certificate of insurance may be required by the hall management. The policy should have a minimum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in coverage and name the Springhill Fire Department, the Springhill Fire Fighters Association, and the Municipality of Cumberland as an additionally insured party.
- No Liability for Loss: The Springhill Fire Department, the Springhill Fire Fighters Association, and the Municipality of Cumberland is not liable for any loss, injury, or theft to persons, vehicles, or personal property brought onto the premises.
- 4. Clean-up and Waste Management
- The renter is responsible for the complete clean-up of the bar area and the entire hall, including the proper disposal of all garbage, empty containers, and surplus products in compliance with NS Alcohol and Gaming policies.

- Unopened, leftover alcohol may be returned to the NSLC with the original receipt, or the renter may request approval from AGFT to use it for a future event.
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