

Survey of Municipal Smoking Bylaws

In Alberta

January to March 2003

SURVEY RESULTS

Total surveys distributed N = 358

Total no response/refused N = 66

TOTAL SURVEYS RECEIVED N = 292 (82% response rate)

Unless otherwise stated, all percentages (%) are calculated using the total number of survey responses (N=292) and are calculated as $X/292 = \%$.

PART A: MUNICIPAL SMOKING BYLAWS

Q1. Does your municipality currently have a smoking bylaw?

YES

Cities 13/15 (98%)

Specialized Municipalities 2/4 (50%)

Municipal Districts 3/48 (6%)

Towns 43/108 (40%)

Villages 3/79 (4%)

Summer Villages 1/34 (3%)

Metis Settlements 2/4 (50%)

Total YES 67 (23%)

(If No, GO TO QUESTION 5) NO = 225

Q2. Are you aware of any efforts to amend the existing bylaw in your municipality?

YES 10 of 67 (15%)

Q3. Does your municipality have any formal plans to amend the current smoking bylaw?

YES 8 of 67 (12%)

Q4. In what year are these amendments expected to take effect?

Responses ranged from 2003 to 2008.

These two questions were asked of municipalities (N=225) who did NOT have smoking bylaws only.

Q5. Are you aware of any efforts to create a smoking bylaw in your municipality?

YES 25 of 225 (11%)

Q6. Does your municipality have any formal plans to introduce a smoking bylaw?

YES 7 of 225 (3%) In what year? 2003

PART B: PLEBISCITES AND PUBLIC VOTES

Q7. Has your municipality ever held a public vote regarding a smoking bylaw?

YES 9 (3%)

Q8. Do you anticipate a public vote on a smoking bylaw in the next 12 months?

YES 0

Maybe 6 (2%)

PART C: MUNICIPAL SMOKING POLICY

Q9. Does your municipality have policies that address smoking in municipal offices?

YES 180 (62%)

Q9a. What type of policies do you have for municipal offices? (Please check all that apply)

(N) = Number of hits

1. 100% smoke-free municipal offices (136)
2. Smoking only in enclosed and separately ventilated indoor areas (15)
3. Designated smoking and nonsmoking areas (but no special ventilation) (16)
4. No smoking in council chambers only (6)
5. Financial incentives for employees who wish to quit smoking (4)
6. In-house stop-smoking programs for employees (5)
7. Preferential hiring of non-smokers (0)

Q10. Does your municipality have policies that address smoking in municipal facilities?

(e.g., recreation facilities)

YES 126 (43%)

Q10a. What type of policies do you have for municipal facilities? (Please check all that apply)

(N) = Number of hits

1. 100% smoke-free facilities (68)
2. Smoking only in enclosed and separately ventilated indoor areas (5)
3. Designated smoking and nonsmoking areas (but no special ventilation) (22)
4. Smoking permitted under certain circumstances (e.g., during private functions) (22)
5. No smoking when children present (4)

PART D: LICENSING TOBACCO SALES

Q11. Does your municipality specifically license the sale of tobacco products?

YES 7 (2%)

PART E: CONSULTATIONS

Q12. Has your municipality consulted with any governmental or non-governmental organizations/agencies with regards to municipal smoking bylaws or policies?

YES 42 (14%)

Q12a. If YES, please specify name of organization and type of assistance sought.

Responses included consulting bylaws from other municipalities, regional health authorities, tobacco coalitions and agencies, Chamber of Commerce and AUMA (Alberta Urban Municipalities Association).

Q13. Over the next year, we will be conducting workshops throughout Alberta on building capacity for smoke-free environments. If you were to choose three (3) of the following tobacco-related topics, which would you say are MOST important to your municipality?

(Please choose 3 only) (N) = Number of hits

1. Regional trends in tobacco use **(44)**
2. Health risks associated with environmental tobacco smoke **(105)**
3. Policy information materials (e.g., legislation, bylaws, smoke-free policies) **(125)**
4. Information on smoking bylaws in Alberta municipalities **(128)**
5. Information on licensing the sale of tobacco products **(13)**
6. Economic impact data (e.g., restaurant sales, bingo hall attendance) **(88)**
7. Information on the tobacco lobby in Alberta **(10)**
8. Information on ventilation issues **(39)**
9. Community mobilization strategies **(19)**

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