

MUNICIPAL SMOKING BYLAWS IN ALBERTA

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The information provided in this report has been interpreted by the Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), Building Capacity for Smoke-Free Environments in Alberta project research team from municipal bylaws collected since January 2003. Please note that these by-laws may be amended from time to time. ASH assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained herein. For complete clarification, please refer to the actual bylaw, or speak with the municipal clerk.

The following smoking bylaw analysis is divided into five groups:

- 1. 100% smoke-free public place and workplace bylaws – “Gold” standard**
- 2. Public place and/or workplace smoke-free bylaws – “Silver” standard**
- 3. Bylaws offering some public place and/or workplace protection – “Bronze” standard**
- 4. Smoke-free municipally owned buildings bylaws**
- 5. Municipalities with no smoke-free bylaws**

There are 358 municipalities in Alberta. In this report, municipalities represented in the five groups above include cities, specialized municipalities, municipal districts, towns, villages, summer villages and Metis Settlements. Please refer to the Alberta Municipal Affairs Municipal Officials Directory at website (<http://www3.gov.ab.ca/ma>) to view the complete listing of Alberta municipalities.

Bylaws were examined based on the level of protection offered (e.g., 100% smoke-free, designated smoking rooms (DSRs), smoking in designated areas only with no special ventilation, smoking prohibited where minors permitted and no smoking permitted within 3 metres or more of an entrance or exit to a public premises) in the following 24 categories:

Bars, Lounges and Taverns	Public Transit Vehicles
Educational Facilities	Public Transit Shelters
Elevators, Escalators & Stairways	Public Washrooms
Entranceways	Reception Areas
Hospital & Health Care Facilities	Restaurants
Licensed Gaming Events	Retail Stores
Municipal Offices & Buildings	Shopping Malls
Municipal Vehicles	School Buses
Municipally-owned Facilities	Service Counters & Service Lines
Outdoor Patios	Taxis
Passages, Hallways & Pedways	Workplaces
Places of Public Assembly	Private Social Functions

Selection of categories is limited based on common themes and previous compilations. Note that not all categories apply to

all municipalities. For example, smaller municipalities are less likely to have public transit or shopping malls.

Exclusions:

1. Smoking “policies” (as distinct from “bylaws”). This means that some municipalities are placed into group five, despite having a minimal level of protection. Policies will never be stronger than restricting or prohibiting smoking in municipal buildings.
2. Bylaws that have not yet received third and final reading.

I. 100% SMOKE-FREE PUBLIC PLACE AND/OR WORKPLACE BYLAWS

Below is a quick reference list of group ONE smoke-free bylaws. Please note that some bylaws are at the county or regional levels.

Bylaws in this grouping are considered “gold standard” because of their comprehensiveness and relatively short implementation period (within 2 years of final reading date). “Gold” standard bylaws must have 100% smoke-free environments in all public places including restaurants and drinking establishments and offer reasonable workplace protection (either 100% smoke-free or designated smoking rooms). Private club exemptions are also permitted. The bylaws in this group include both those that have passed but are not yet implemented, and those that are currently in force. “Gold” standard is assigned based on the final date of implementation.

For more detailed bylaw content for each municipality, please refer to the ASH website at www.ash.ca.

“GOLD” STANDARD

#	Municipality	2002 Population	Implementation Date
1.	City of Edmonton	666,104	July 1, 2003 (100% smoke-free all public places July 1, 2005)
2.	Strathcona County	71,986	May 1, 2003 (100% smoke-free lounges & bingo halls June 1, 2005)
3.	Summer Village of Sundance Beach	37	August 22, 2002

Percentage of Alberta population [1] who live in “Gold” standard municipalities: 25%

II. PUBLIC PLACE AND/OR WORKPLACE SMOKE-FREE BYLAWS

Below is a quick reference list of group TWO smoke-free bylaws. Please note that some bylaws are at the county or regional levels.

Group two consists of smoke-free bylaws that are not as strong as 100% smoking bans, but do prohibit or restrict smoking in many public places, including restaurants. The key characteristic of these bylaws is the prohibition of smoking in all enclosed public places where minors are permitted. Designated smoking rooms are allowed for bars, restaurants, and workplaces provided minors are not permitted to enter.

For more detailed bylaw content for each municipality, please refer to the ASH website at www.ash.ca.

“SILVER” STANDARD

#	Municipality	2002 Population	Implementation Date
1.	Town of Brooks	11,604	January 2, 2002
2.	City of Calgary	904,987	March 1, 2003 (Gold - January 1, 2008)
3.	City of Camrose	15,253	July 1, 2003
4.	Town of Canmore	10,792	January 1, 2002
5.	Town of Cardston	3,475	June 1, 2002

			SPECIAL MENTION – Although the Town of Cardston does not specifically address smoking in the workplace, it does ban smoking in all public places.
6.	Town of Claresholm	3,622	February 10, 2003
7.	Town of Coaldale	6,008	September 1, 2002
8.	Town of Cochrane	12,074	October 1, 2000
9.	City of Cold Lake	11,595	2002
10.	City of Grande Prairie	36,983	April 1, 2003
11.	City of Lethbridge	72,717	January 1, 2000
12.	Town of High River	9,345	February 1, 1995 (100% smoke-free public places where minors permitted - January 1, 2004)
13.	Town of Magrath	1,993	May 12, 1998
14.	City of Medicine Hat	51,249	July 1, 2002
15.	Town of Olds	6,607	January 1, 2002
16.	Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement	581	January 27, 2003
17.	Town of Pincher Creek	3,666	January 1, 2000
18.	City of Red Deer	70,593	September 17, 2001
19.	Municipal District of Rocky View	30,688	September 16, 1997
20.	Town of Taber	7,671	July 1, 2000
21.	Town of Three Hills	3,541	June 30, 2002
22.	Town of Vermilion	4,435	January 1, 2003
23.	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	58,317	November 29, 2003

Percentage of Alberta population who live in “Silver” standard municipalities: 45%

III. BYLAWS OFFERING SOME PUBLIC PLACE AND/OR WORKPLACE PROTECTION

Below is a quick reference list of group THREE smoke-free bylaws. Please note that some bylaws are at the county or regional levels.

Bylaws falling into this group do offer public place and/or workplace protection, but it is considered weaker than in the “gold” and “silver” groupings. While many provide 100% smoke-free environments for locations such as service lines, reception areas and public access routes (e.g., elevators, stairways, passages and hallways), protection may be limited to designated smoking areas (non-DSRs) in other locations. This category does not include any bylaws that have banned smoking in restaurants.

For more detailed bylaw content for each municipality, please refer to the ASH website at www.ash.ca.

“BRONZE” STANDARD

#	Municipality	2002	Implementation (month/day/year)
		Population	
1.	Town of Athabasca	2,415	December 18, 2001
2.	Town of Hinton	9,405	July 1, 1998
3.	Town of Innisfail	6,928	November 13, 1995
4.	Town of Lac La Biche	2,776	March 11, 1986
5.	City of Lloydminster	13,148	September 8, 1987
6.	Town of Morinville	6,540	June 23, 1998
7.	City of St. Albert	53,081	September 1, 1990
8.	Town of St. Paul	5,061	March 27, 2000
9.	Town of Slave Lake	6,600	July 2003
10.	Town of Vulcan	1,762	August 1, 2002
11.	City of Wetaskiwin	11,154	June 13, 1994

Percentage of Alberta population who live in “Bronze” standard municipalities: 4%

IV. SMOKE-FREE MUNICIPALLY OWNED BUILDINGS BYLAWS

Below is a quick reference list of group FOUR smoke-free bylaws. Please note that some bylaws are at the county or regional levels.

Municipalities that fall into this category do not have public place and/or workplace bylaws, but have bylaws that prohibit or restrict smoking in one or more municipal buildings. Municipal buildings covered include administration offices/buildings, civic centres, community centres, libraries, recreational complexes, Town Halls and other municipally owned or operated facilities. Some smoke-free bylaws in this category prohibit smoking in all municipal buildings, whereas some only prohibit smoking in particular buildings, or rooms. A number of municipalities in this category prohibit smoking in municipally owned or leased vehicles and equipment.

For more detailed bylaw content for each municipality, please refer to the ASH website at www.ash.ca.

#	Municipality	#	Municipality
1.	Town of Barrhead (Jan 13, 1997)	21.	Town of Killam (Feb 1, 1995)
2.	Town of Bashaw (Apr 6, 2000)	22.	City of Leduc (May 27, 2002)
3.	Town of Beaumont (Nov 26, 2002)	23.	Town of Manning (Feb 23, 2000)
4.	Town of Black Diamond (Apr 6, 1994)	24.	Town of Maverthorpe (Oct 13, 1997)
5.	Town of Bonnyville (Aug 12, 1986)	25.	Town of Millet (May 22, 2002)
6.	Village of Boyle (Nov 21, 2001)	26.	Village of Munson (May 1, 1997)
7.	Town of Bruderheim (Jan 1, 2004)	27.	Town of Nanton (Aug 24, 1998)
8.	Town of Calmar (1995)	28.	Town of Okotoks (Sept 8, 1992)
9.	Municipality of Crowsnest Pass (May 1, 1998)	29.	Town of Peace River (Jun 9, 1997)
10.	Town of Devon (Nov 22, 1993)	30.	Town of Redcliff (Feb 1, 2002)
11.	Town of Didsbury (Dec 7, 1993)	31.	Town of Spirit River (Nov 18, 2002)
12.	Town of Drumheller (Oct 1, 1996)	32.	City of Spruce Grove (Sept 2, 1991)
13.	Town of Edson (Oct 17, 2000)	33.	Starland County (Apr 14, 1987)
14.	Town of Elk Point (Nov 14, 2000)	34.	Town of Strathmore (Feb 3, 1999)
15.	Fishing Lake Metis Settlement (July 7, 993)	35.	Town of Valleyview (Apr 24, 1996)
16.	Flagstaff County (2000)	36.	Village of Wabamun (June 2, 1997)
17.	City of Fort Saskatchewan (May 1, 1991)	37.	Town of Wembley (Jan 1, 1997)
18.	Town of Hardisty (Nov 22, 2002)	38.	Wheatland County (Jan 19, 1993)
19.	Town of High Level (Jan 13, 2003)	39.	Summer Village of White Gull (Jan 21, 1995)
20.	Summer Village of Itaska Beach (Mar 20, 1997)	40.	Town of Whitecourt (July 22, 2002)

V. MUNICIPALITIES WITH NO SMOKE -FREE BYLAWS

Below is a quick reference list of group FIVE smoke-free bylaws.

This group includes those municipalities that do not have public place and/or workplace or municipal building smoke-free bylaws or *from whom ASH has not yet received confirmation of bylaw status (indicated with an asterisk*)*.

Acadia, M.D. of	Banff, Town of	Betula Beach, Summer Village of
Acme, Village of	Barnwell, Village of	Big Lakes, M.D. of
Airdrie, City of	Barons, Village of	Big Valley, Village of
Alberta Beach, Village of	Barrhead, County of	Bighorn, M.D. of
Alix, Village of	Bassano, Town of	Birch Cove, Summer Village of
Alliance, Village of	Bawlf, Village of	Birch Hills County
Amisk, Village of	Beaver County	Birchcliff, Summer Village of
Andrew, Village of	Beaverlodge, Town of	Bittern Lake, Village of
Argentia Beach, Summer Village of	Beiseker, Village of	Blackfalds, Town of
Arrowwood, Village of	Bentley, Town of	Bon Accord, Town of
Athabasca, County of	Berwyn, Village of	Bondiss, Summer Village of
Bonnyville Beach, Summer Village of	Drayton Valley, Town of	Hughenden, Village of

Bonnyville, M.D. of	Duchess, Village of	Hussar, Village of
Botha, Village of	East Prairie Metis Settlement	Hythe, Village of
Bow Island, Town of	Eckville, Town of	Innisfree, Village of
Bowden, Town of	Edberg, Village of	Irma, Village of
Brazeau County	Edgerton, Village of	Irricana, Village of
Breton, Village of	Elizabeth Metis Settlement	Island Lake South, Summer Village of
Buffalo Lake Metis Settlement	Elnora, Village of	Island Lake, Summer Village of
Burdett, Village of	Empress, Village of	Jarvis Bay, Summer Village of
Burnstick Lake, Summer Village of	Fairview, M.D. of	Jasper, Municipality of
Camrose, County of	Fairview, Town of	Kapasiwin, Summer Village of
Carbon, Village of	Falher, Town of	Kikino Metis Settlement
Cardston County	Ferintosh, Village of	Kinuso, Village of
Carmangay, Village of	Foothills, M.D. of	Kitscoty, Village of
Caroline, Village of	Foremost, Village of	Kneehill County
Carstairs, Town of	Forestburg, Village of	Lac Ste. Anne County
Castle Island, Summer Village of	Fort Macleod, Town of	Lacombe County
Castor, Town of	Forty Mile, County of	Lacombe, Town of
Cereal, Village of	Fox Creek, Town of	Lakeland County
Champion, Village of	Gadsby, Village of	Lakeview, Summer Village of
Chauvin, Village of	Galahad, Village of	Lamont County
Chestermere, Town of	Ghost Lake, Summer Village of	Lamont, Town of
Chipman, Village of	Gibbons, Town of	Larkspur, Summer Village of
Clear Hills, M.D. of	Gift Lake Metis Settlement	Leduc County
Clearwater County	Girouxville, Village of	Legal, Town of
Clive, Village of	Glendon, Village of	Lesser Slave River, M.D. of
Clyde, Village of	Glenwood, Village of	Lethbridge, County of
Coalhurst, Town of	Golden Days, Summer Village of	Linden, Village of
Cochrane, Town of	Grande Cache, Town of	Lomond, Village of
Consort, Village of	Grande Prairie, County of	Longview, Village of
Coronation, Town of	Grandview, Summer Village of	Lougheed, Village of
Coutts, Village of	Granum, Town of	Mackenzie No. 23, M.D. of
Cowley, Village of	Greenview, M.D. of	Ma-Me-O Beach, Summer Village of
Cremona, Village of	Grimshaw, Town of	Mannville, Village of
Crossfield, Town of	Gull Lake, Summer Village of	Marwayne, Village of
Crystal Springs, Summer Village of	Half Moon Bay, Summer Village of	McLennan, Town of
Cypress County	Halkirk, Village of	Mewatha Beach, Summer Village of
Czar, Village of	Hanna, Town of	Milk River, Town of
Daysland, Town of	Hay Lakes, Village of	Milo, Village of
Delburne, Village of	Heisler, Village of	Minburn, County of
Delia, Village of	High Prairie, Town of	Minburn, Village of
Derwent, Village of	Hill Spring, Village of	Mirror, Village of
Dewberry, Village of	Hines Creek, Village of	Morrin, Village of
Donalda, Village of	Holden, Village of	Mountain View County
Donnelly, Village of	Horseshoe Bay, Summer Village of	Mundare, Town of
Myrnam, Village of	Saddle Hills County	Veteran, Village of
Nakamun Park, Summer Village of	Sandy Beach, Summer Village of	Viking, Town of
Nampa, Village of	Sangudo, Village of	Vilna, Village of

New Norway, Village of	Seba Beach, Summer Village of	Vulcan County
New Sarepta, Village of	Sedgewick, Town of	Wainwright, M.D. of
Newell, County of	Sexsmith, Town of	Wainwright, Town of
Nobleford, Village of	Silver Beach, Summer Village of	Waiparous, Summer Village of
Norglenwold, Summer Village of	Silver Sands, Summer Village of	Warburg, Village of
Norris Beach, Summer Village of	Smoky Lake County	Warner, County of
Northern Lights, M.D. of	Smoky Lake, Town of	Warner, Village of
Northern Sunrise County	Smoky River, M.D. of	Waskatenau, Village of
Onoway, Village of	South Baptiste, Summer Village of	West Baptiste, Summer Village of
Opportunity, M.D. of	South View, Summer Village of	West Cove, Summer Village of
Oyen, Town of	Spirit River, M.D. of	Westlock County
Paintearth, County of	Spring Lake, Village of	Westlock, Town of
Paradise Valley, Village of	St. Paul, County of	Wetaskiwin, County of
Parkland Beach, Summer Village of	Standard, Village of	Whispering Hills, Summer Village of
Parkland County	Stavelly, Town of	White Sands, Summer Village of
Peace, M.D. of	Stettler, County of	Willingdon, Village of
Peavine Metis Settlement	Stettler, Town of	Willow Creek, M.D. of
Pelican Narrows, Summer Village of	Stirling, Village of	Woodlands County
Penhold, Town of	Stony Plain, Town of	Yellowhead County
Picture Butte, Town of	Strome, Village of	Yellowstone, Summer Village of
Pincher Creek, M.D. of	Sturgeon County	Youngstown, Village of
Point Alison, Summer Village of	Sunbreaker Cove, Summer Village of	
Ponoka County	Sundre, Town of	
Ponoka, Town of	Sunrise Beach, Summer Village of	
Poplar Bay, Summer Village of	Sunset Beach, Summer Village of	
Provost, M.D. of	Sunset Point, Summer Village of	
Provost, Town of	Swan Hills, Town of	
Rainbow Lake, Town of	Sylvan Lake, Town of	
Ranchland, M.D. of	Taber, M.D. of	
Raymond, Town of	Thorhild, County of	
Red Deer County	Thorhild, Village of	
Redwater, Town of	Thorsby, Village of	
Redwood Meadows, Townsite of	Tilley, Village of	
Rimbey, Town of	Tofield, Town of	
Rochon Sands, Summer Village of	Trochu, Town of	
Rocky Mountain House, Town of	Turner Valley, Town of	
Rockyford, Village of	Two Hills, County of	
Rosalind, Village of	Two Hills, Town of	
Rosemary, Village of	Val Quentin, Summer Village of	
Ross Haven, Summer Village of	Vauxhall, Town of	
Rycroft, Village of	Vegreville, Town of	
Ryley, Village of	Vermilion River, County of	

[1] "Total Alberta population" based on populations of cities, specialized municipalities, municipal districts, towns, villages, summer villages and Metis settlements in the year 2002 was 2,986,764 (Alberta Municipal Affairs Population Report, 2002).