



Action on Smoking and Health Survey

1. If elected, will you support or oppose a local bylaw to ban smoking and vaping at outdoor public places like parks, playgrounds, sports fields and at public events where children are permitted?

Rationale: Dozens of Canadian municipalities have passed bylaws to ban smoking and vaping at many outdoor public places including Lloydminster, Okotoks, Camrose, Vermilion, St. Albert, Edmonton and Strathmore. These bylaws help to reduce social modelling to children and youth and they promote healthy communities. Restrictions on smoking and vaping need to be aligned to protect youth, to maximize the public health impact and to simplify enforcement.

Support

Oppose

Don't know/Not sure

2. If elected, will you support or oppose a local bylaw to align public restrictions on the smoking and vaping of any substance?

Rationale: This measure would expand restrictions on all public smoking and vaping to align with restrictions on cannabis consumption (which often go beyond restrictions on tobacco use). This measure would also prohibit waterpipe (hookah) smoking in public places. Restrictions on smoking and vaping behaviour are much easier to enforce than banning the consumption of specific substances that are difficult to detect. This measure will provide uniform protection for all residents and will create a level playing field for all businesses.

Support

Oppose

Don't know/Not sure

3. If elected, will you support or oppose a local bylaw requiring all group living facilities to be completely smoke-free?

Rationale: Residents of group living facilities should not be forced to breathe secondhand smoke in their own home. These residents are often elderly or have health conditions that are aggravated by exposure to secondhand smoke. The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates the need to provide residents of all group living facilities with extra protection from public health hazards. At least two Alberta municipalities have banned smoking in group living facilities including Vermilion and Camrose.

Support

Oppose

Don't know/Not sure

4. If elected, will you support or oppose a local bylaw to make all hotel and motel guest rooms completely smoke-free?

Rationale: People who work in hotels and motels deserve to be fully protected from secondhand smoke. Many hotels and motels have already gone smoke-free but uniform standards are required to ensure that all workers are adequately protected and to provide a level playing field for businesses. Several Alberta municipalities have banned smoking in hotel and motel guest rooms including Canmore, Airdrie, Okotoks and Vermilion.

Support

Oppose

Don't know/Not sure

5. If elected, will you support or oppose municipal licensing of tobacco and vaping retailers?

Rationale: Tobacco and nicotine products are dangerous consumer goods that should only be sold from licensed retail locations. All cannabis and liquor retailers are required to obtain a license to sell these products. Tobacco use and nicotine addiction kill more Canadians than all other forms of substance misuse combined. Edmonton, Calgary, St. Albert and Lloydminster have all licensed tobacco retailers. In 2017, the City of Lloydminster became the first municipality to license the sale of tobacco and vaping products.

Support

Oppose

Don't know/Not sure

6. If elected, would you support or oppose placing licensing restrictions on tobacco and vaping retailers such as specified signage and training requirements?

Rationale: Retail licensing allows municipalities to better regulate how products can be sold. Special conditions can be applied to retailers such as signage requirements, compliance standards, and mandatory training. Liquor and cannabis retailers are required to comply with number of licensing conditions including signage requirements, compliance standards, and mandatory retailer training.

Support

Oppose

Don't know/Not sure