

Heather's Trail of Success in Alberta

Edmonton – Testified before city council public hearing in March 2003. Edmonton went smoke-free on July 1, 2005.

Beaumont – Testified before town council public hearing in November 2003. Beaumont went smoke-free on June 1, 2005.

St. Albert – Met with several city councilors in November 2003. St. Albert went smoke-free on July 1, 2005.

Banff – Several town councilors present at YMCA presentation in January 2004. Banff went smoke-free on August 1, 2004—becoming Alberta's first smoke-free municipality.

Calgary – Met with Calgary Sun and Calgary Herald editorial boards in January 2004. Both editorial boards subsequently supported a smoke-free bylaw for Calgary and smoke-free legislation for Alberta.

Alberta Corrections – Inspired several corrections workers and the Alberta Union of Public Employees in January 2004. Alberta Corrections facilities went smoke-free on July 1, 2004.

Jasper – Presented to concerned residents and plebiscite group in October 2004. Jasper went smoke-free on April 1, 2005.

Airdrie – Presented to concerned residents and plebiscite group in October 2004. Airdrie went smoke-free on July 1, 2005.

Stettler – Presented to concerned residents and plebiscite group in October 2004. Stettler went smoke-free on July 1, 2005.

Lethbridge – Sent influential letter to mayor and councilors in February 2006. Lethbridge going smoke-free on January 1, 2007.

Alberta – Alberta continues to struggle with provincial legislation to make all workplaces smoke-free. However thanks in no small part to your efforts, at least two-thirds of Albertans and 98% of the 2005 Alberta Tory convention delegates support 100% smoke-free legislation for Alberta. In the spring of 2005, the Alberta government passed the *Smoke-Free Places Act* to make all public establishments that allow minors completely smoke-free. However this only represents 10%-15% of the total Alberta workforce. With some minor amendments, the bill could be extended to provide all Alberta workers with protection from secondhand smoke at work. ASH and other provincial health groups remain committed to securing full protection for all Alberta workers and we will not rest until we achieve this goal.