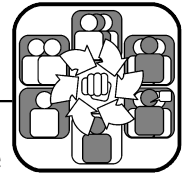


Bullying By-laws



A number of communities in Alberta have instituted a bullying bylaw. Section 7(a,b,c) of the Alberta Municipal Government Act R.S.A 2000, c. M-26 <http://www.qp.gov.ab.ca/Documents/acts/M26.CFM> enables municipalities to regulate issues relating to health, welfare and safety; people and activities in public places; and public nuisances. The following are instances where Municipalities in Alberta have considered this act in addressing bullying:

Edmonton:

In Edmonton, bullying is addressed in the Public Places Bylaw #7608 <http://www.edmonton.ca/bylaws/C7608.DOC>. Part 4, Article 407(1-2).

This bylaw relates to repeatedly communicating with minors in public places in such as way that the minor may feel harassed. Offences carry a \$250 fine.

Grande Prairie:

The Article 10 of the City of Grande Prairie's Noise, Nuisance and Public Disturbances bylaw, #C-1103 <http://www.cityofgp.com/citygov/dept/cityclerk/bylaws/bc1103.htm> specifically mentions bullying. It expands the scope to include incidences of bullying in public places and on public property, as well as via written or electronic communication. They identify the scope of bullying to include comments, conduct or displays towards a person that may cause physical or emotional distress. The fine for first offence is \$250, and for a second offence form \$500-2500, however, this charge may be withdrawn if the individual is offered and attends an educational anti-bullying session.

Rocky Mountain House:

Rocky Mountain House has a comprehensive bullying bylaw, bylaw 04/05V <http://www.rockymtnhouse.com/Word-pdf/By-0405V-Bullying.pdf>, which also applies to those who encourage or cheer on a bully. The bylaw includes communication with a person that makes them feel bullied or encouraging or cheering on a person who is bullying. The definition of bullying includes real or threatened physical abuse, verbal abuse, emotional abuse, and extortion, be it in person, written or electronic.

The fine for a first offence is \$250 and for a second offence up to \$1000 (or six months imprisonment for non-payment). For bystanders the fine is \$100 and \$250 respectively.

Calgary:

The city of Calgary does not have a bullying bylaw. The decision to not have a bullying bylaw was was a conscious and purposeful decision based on consultation with various organizations within the community and informed by current research of bullying prevention. Their intentions actively support anti-bullying programs through other means and strategies which speak to taking a comprehensive approach to correcting behaviour rather than punishment and zero tolerance policies. For more background on this decision visit the Action Committee Against Violence Website <http://www.acav.org/bullyingHarassment.php#background>.