

Municipal, Provincial, and National Scan

Summary of Alberta Municipalities with Bylaws to Prohibit Conversion Therapy

Municipality	Name of Bylaw	Summary
St. Albert	Conversion Therapy Prohibition Bylaw link	In 2019 December , this local government passed a Conversion Therapy Prohibition Bylaw to prohibit the performing or offering to perform Conversion Therapy on any person and restricts the advertisement of conversion therapy for minors. The bylaw fine is set to an amount of not less than \$10,000 or to imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.
Edmonton	Prohibited Business Bylaw link	In 2019 December , this local government adopted a Prohibited Business Bylaw with the purpose of prohibiting certain businesses and business activities. Conversion therapy is listed as a prohibited business. The bylaw fine is set to an amount of not less than \$10,000.
Strathcona County	Conversion Therapy Prohibition Bylaw link	In 2019 September , this local government adopted a Conversion Therapy Prohibition Bylaw restricting the practice of conversion therapy on minors, protecting all persons from unwanted conversion therapy, and prohibiting the advertising of conversion therapy. The bylaw fine is set to an amount of not less than \$10,000. Additionally, Strathcona County adopted an Opposition to Conversion Therapy policy. Policy restricts the use of County funds and resources (facilities) from organizations that practice and promote conversion therapy.
Wood Buffalo (Fort McMurray)	Conversion Therapy Bylaw link	In 2020 January , this local government adopted a Conversion Therapy Bylaw prohibiting providing, performing, or imposing conversion therapy on any person, and additionally prohibits conversion therapy advertising. The bylaw fine is set to an amount of not less than \$1,000 and not exceeding \$10,000.
Rocky Mountain House	Business Licence Bylaw link	In 2020 February , this local government adapted an existing Business License Bylaw to regulate, license, and prohibit any conversion therapy business, which also includes fines and penalties. The specified fine set for providing conversion therapy services is \$10,000.
Spruce Grove	Conversion Therapy Prohibition Bylaw link	In 2020 April , this local government adopted a Conversion Therapy Bylaw prohibiting advertising and the operation of any conversion therapy business. The bylaw fine is set to an amount of not exceeding \$10,000.
Lethbridge	In progress link	Council approved drafting a bylaw for 2020 June to prohibit the business practice of conversion therapy and Council also voted to advocate to the Provincial Government to ban the practice of conversion therapy.

Red Deer	Rejected link	In 2020 February , Council discussed a notice of motion to take action against conversion therapy. The motion was defeated and did not move forward.
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Summary of Canadian Provincial Legislation to Prohibit Conversion Therapy

Province	Legislation	Summary
Ontario	Bill 77 Affirming Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Act link	In 2015 , this government passed this Act to direct the amendment of the Health Insurance Act and the Regulated Health Professions Act regarding efforts to change sexual orientation or gender identity: Efforts to change sexual orientation or gender identity 1.1 Despite subsection (1) and subject to the regulations, if any, any services that seek to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of a person are not insured services. Sexual orientation and gender identity treatments 29.1 (1) No person shall, in the course of providing health care services, provide any treatment that seeks to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of a person under 18 years of age.
Nova Scotia	Bill 16 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Protection Act link	In 2018 , this government passed this Bill to protect Nova Scotia youth from damaging efforts to change their sexual orientation or gender identity. The Act identifies that any hospital or professional services that seek to change the sexual orientation or gender identity of a resident are not insured services under those Acts; and Clarifies that no one may give consent on a person's behalf for any services described in the Act.
Prince Edward Island	Bill 24 The Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Protection Health Care Act link	In 2019 , this government passed this Act to prohibit regulated health professionals from providing conversion therapy to people under 18 years of age; Prohibit people giving consent for conversion therapy on a vulnerable person; and Prohibit the use of public funds for conversion therapy. Received Royal Assent on November 28, 2019.
New Brunswick	Bill 34 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Protection Act link	In 2020 March , a private member's Bill was introduced for <u>first reading</u> to prohibit regulated health professionals from providing conversion therapy to people under 19 years of age; Prohibit a person in a position of trust or authority in relation to a minor shall not provide, promote or fund conversion therapy to the minor; A parent, guardian or substitute decision maker shall not give consent on a minor's behalf to the provision of conversion therapy by a person in a position of trust or authority in relation to the minor; The provision of conversion therapy is not an entitled professional service for which a beneficiary or other person may be paid or reimbursed; Prohibit the expenditure of public funds for conversion therapy.
Yukon	Bill 9 Sexual Orientation and	In 2020 March , the government introduced a Bill to regulate the provision of conversion therapy:

	Gender Identity Protection Act link	by prohibiting conversion therapy from being provided to minors or to adults for whom there is a court-appointed guardian; by setting out that a substitute decision-maker does not have authority to consent to conversion therapy for a person; by clarifying that conversion therapy is not an insured health service.
Manitoba	Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living – a <i>policy position statement</i> link	In 2015 , the provincial government issued a policy position on conversion therapy, which states “It is the position of the Manitoba government that conversion therapy can have no place in the province’s public health-care system. Therefore, Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living expects the province’s regional health authorities and health profession regulatory colleges to ensure that conversion therapy is not practiced in Manitoba’s health-care system.”
British Columbia	Bill M 218-29019 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Protection Act link	In 2019 , an opposition Bill was introduced which sought to: Prohibit the provision of conversion therapy to minors by health professionals, as a hospital service or professional service, and by persons in a position of trust or authority; The payment or reimbursement of the cost of conversion therapy provided as a hospital service or professional service; and The expenditure of public funds for the provision of conversion therapy. The Bill <u>did not proceed past first reading</u> and has since died on the order paper. It is unclear if a new Bill will be introduced.

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House of Commons	Bill C-8 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (conversion therapy) link	In 2020 March , the Federal Government introduced legislation, which proposes five new <i>Criminal Code</i> offences related to conversion therapy. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> causing a minor to undergo conversion therapy; removing a minor from Canada to undergo conversion therapy abroad; causing a person to undergo conversion therapy against their will; profiting from providing conversion therapy; advertising an offer to provide conversion therapy.
Senate of Canada	S-202 An Act to amend the Criminal Code (conversion therapy) link	This Bill was introduced for a second time in 2019 December and seeks to amend the <i>Criminal Code</i> to make it an offence to advertise conversion therapy services for consideration and to obtain a financial or other material benefit for the provision of conversion therapy to a person under the age of eighteen. Legislation in the House of Commons supersedes legislation in the Senate and it is expected this Bill will no longer be considered.