



To Alberta Communities

RE: A free online resource designed especially to help you. Use attached link.

http://pamz.org/usr/Idle%20Free%20Toolkit_2017_Final%20completed%20June%2027,2017.pdf

It is our honour and privilege to introduce you to our new Idle-Free Toolkit put together by the Parkland Airshed Management Zone (PAMZ) Idle Free Committee. It provides resources and learnings from two pilot projects that took place from 2014-2016 in central Alberta: the Town of Sylvan Lake and Lacombe County. From these pilots, we have put together an online toolkit at **the above link** or on our website **www.pamz.org** under **Resources/Education/Idle Free**. It has tailor made resources, ready-made templates and guidance to help any municipality or community group wishing to reduce unnecessary vehicle idling.

Vehicle idling is an ongoing concern for central Alberta due to the potentially serious human health and environmental impacts of excessive automobile emissions. Airborne particulate matter levels for the Red Deer area have recently exceeded Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards. With Alberta's rapidly growing population and increasing industrial activity, air pollution in the form of particulate matter is likely to increase and spread throughout the province without targeted strategies to address root causes.

For this reason, more and more communities are taking action to reduce idling in their areas. We hope you will look at this toolkit and use it, as you see fit, for your community.