



RESOLUTION

Date: May 5, 2004

Resolution #: 09-0204
Advocacy Against Privatization of the LCBO

MOVED BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

“WHEREAS the Timiskaming Health Unit is mandated to reduce disability, morbidity and mortality cause by alcohol; and

WHEREAS alcohol is a drug with attendant physiological effects; and

WHEREAS alcohol has widespread health and economic consequences for individuals and communities; and

WHEREAS high risk drinking practices are strong predictors of alcohol related problems; and

WHEREAS comprehensive controls on alcohol availability, complemented by targeted injury prevention and harm reduction strategies, are effective in minimizing alcohol-related harm to individuals and society; and

WHEREAS there is considerable and credible research evidence that privatizing the LCBO would likely lead to increased access to alcohol, increased consumption and therefore more alcohol-related costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Timiskaming Board of Health write to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the Minister of Finance to strongly express public health concerns about recent government discussions involving the possible sale of the LCBO and that copies of this letter be sent to the OPHA, local Minister of Provincial Parliament (MPP), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Union of Ontario Indians and all Ontario Boards of Health.

- Carried
- Defeated
- Deferred

Vice-Chair - Board of Health