2004 alPHa RESOLUTION NO. A04-3

TITLE: **National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health**

SPONSOR: Regional Municipality of Durham

WHEREAS SARS had profound impacts on Canada's health care system and economy; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Health Canada struck the National Advisory Committee on SARS and Public Health; and

WHEREAS the Committee's report "Learning from SARS: Renewal of Public Health in Canada" contains a comprehensive set of recommendations that aim to renew public health in Canada; and

WHEREAS the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology released a report containing a focus set of recommendations that aim to implement the National Advisory Committee's recommendations as quickly and practically as possible; and

WHEREAS the new Prime Minister of Canada has signalled his support for the renewal of public health in Canada by appointing a Minister of State for Public Health;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) urges the Government of Canada to implement all of the National Advisory Committee's recommendations;

AND FURTHER that alPHa urges the Government of Canada to strike a Ministerial Advisory Committee, including representation from alPHa and its Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health, to oversee and guide the implementation of these

recommendations;

AND FURTHER that alPHa urges the Government of Canada to direct the Minister of State for Public Health to report to parliament at least annually on the progress of the implementation.

Action from Conference: **Moved:** **R. Kyle (Durham Region)**
Seconded: **I. Parkes (Northwestern)**

Carried