

2004 alPHa RESOLUTION NO. A04-2

TITLE: Ontario Expert Panel on SARS and Infectious Diseases

SPONSOR: Regional Municipality of Durham

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

WHEREAS SARS stretched the capacity of Ontario's public health system to its limit;
and

WHEREAS the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care struck the Ontario Expert Panel on SARS and Infectious Disease Control to study and make recommendations on the management and control of infectious diseases and the capacity of Ontario to handle public health emergencies in the future; and

WHEREAS the Expert Panel's report *For The Public's Health: A Plan of Action* contains comprehensive sets of recommendations that aim to renew public health in Ontario and to improve infectious disease control and prevention;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) urges the Government of Ontario to strike an Expert Advisory Group, including representation from alPHa and its Council of Medical Officers of Health, to oversee and guide the implementation of these recommendations;

AND FURTHER that alPHa urges the Government of Ontario to direct the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to report to the legislature at least annually on the progress of the implementation.

Action from Conference: Moved: C. Viddal (Northwestern)
Seconded: Joe La Rue (Algoma)

Carried as amended