

## [#A02-3, Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada](#)

The operative clause of this resolution calls on alPHA to urge the Honourable Roy Romanow, Commissioner, Commission of the Future of Health Care in Canada to recommend to the Government of Canada that the five principles of the *Canada Health Act* are extended to cover public health services in order to preserve and protect them; and that the federal/provincial/territorial governments recognize the importance of the broader determinants in improving and maintaining the health of Canadians and work together to identify, address and advance such determinants.

*Status:* This resolution has been *closed* as the Commission is no longer active. It has made recommendations that have a bearing on the other resolutions.

### **Recent Developments**

#### **December 17, 2002**

Letter sent to Mr. Romanow of the Commission of the Future of Health Care in Canada, in support of his recommendations and urged for a greater emphasis on public health strategies and funding.

#### **December 16, 2002**

alPHA President Larry O'Connor participated in a roundtable discussion with Tony Clement and provided him alPHA's comments on the Commission's final report. The Ontario Government identified prevention and wellness as a priority area for federal health care investment.

#### **November 2002**

Commission released its final report; the report calls for strengthened disease prevention and health promotion to reduce tobacco use and obesity, and a national immunization strategy for children. \$2.5 billion over 2 years is recommended to fund the Primary Health Care Transfer, which includes disease prevention initiatives.

#### **September 3, 2002**

Received a letter of thanks for the submission from the Romanow Commission, which is synthesizing information for the Final Report to be released in November 2002.

#### **August 19, 2002**

alPHA Submitted a briefing paper to the Romanow Commission recommending the federal government make wellness a priority nationally, increase funding and make public health the foundation of Medicare in Canada.