

2005 aPHa Resolution A05-7

TITLE **Haines Meat Inspection Review**
SPONSOR: Durham Region Health Department

WHEREAS Mr. Justice Roiland Haines reviewed the regulation and inspection of meat in Ontario; and

WHEREAS Justice Haines submitted his report Farm to Fork: A Strategy for Meat Safety in Ontario to the Attorney General on July 21, 2004; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Agriculture and Food announced the provincial government "will enhance food safety in Ontario by implementing the recommendations in the Haines report"; and

WHEREAS 24 of Justice Haines' recommendations pertain to boards of health and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; and

WHEREAS over 300,000 cases of foodborne illness occur in Ontario annually, with 60,000 of those related to the consumption of meat and poultry products; and

WHEREAS foodborne illness can result in serious, permanent physical injury and even death, particularly in vulnerable groups such as young children and the elderly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT aPHa urges the Government of Ontario and the Chief Medical Officer of Health to act immediately to develop and implement a food safety action plan to advance Justice Haines' recommendations that pertain to boards of health and the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care; and

AND FURTHER THAT the Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Agriculture and Food and Health and Long-Term Care and Chief Medical Officer of Health are so advised.