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Date: April 8th, 2010
Motion #02-2010, Smoke-Free Ontario Charges
MOVED BY: Burl Regan
SECONDED BY: Sylvia Fenton

At the regular Board of Health meeting of the Timiskaming Health Unit, held on April 8th, 2010, the following resolution was passed as presented below;

Whereas tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable disease and death in Ontario, killing over 13,000 Ontarians every year; and

Whereas tobacco-related diseases cost the Ontario economy \$1.6 billion in direct health care costs, resulting in \$4.4 billion in productivity losses and accounting for at least 500,000 hospital days *each year; and*

Whereas in spite of recent gains made to reduce tobacco use, tobacco remains a leading public health problem in Ontario today; and

Whereas the Ministry of Health Promotion has initiated a processes to renew/reframe and extend the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy, and update the Strategy's objectives;

Therefore be it resolved that the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health request that the Ministry of Health Promotion assess specifically the impact and effectiveness, including cost benefit analysis, of enforcement charges.

Further that the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health provides a copy of this resolution to the Ministry of Health Promotion, aPHa and all Ontario Boards of Health.

- Carried
 Defeated
 Deferred

Chair - Board of Health