

2002 alPHa RESOLUTION NO. A02 -3

TITLE: Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada

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WHEREAS on February 6, 2002 the Interim Report of the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada was tabled in the House of Commons; and

WHEREAS all Canadians are invited to shape the future of health care in Canada by responding to the Interim Report; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Romanow has reaffirmed the five principles of the *Canada Health Act*, namely comprehensiveness, universality, portability, public administration and accessibility; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Romanow is specifically seeking input and advice on whether and how to modernize the *Canada Health Act*; and

WHEREAS public health, i.e., health protection and promotion and disease and injury prevention, programs and services are critical to improving and maintaining the health of Canadians; and

WHEREAS all Canadians should have access to high quality public health services; and

WHEREAS provincial restructuring of public health, e.g., downloading in Ontario, may have lead to an erosion in public health services; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) 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
- 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.

Action from Conference:

Moved: L. O'Connor (Durham)
Seconded: P. Sutcliffe (Sudbury)

Carried