

ALPHA RESOLUTION A08-4.1

Note: This resolution is a re-introduction of a previously defeated resolution (i.e. A08-4) of the same title with the provision of new wording in the operative clause (i.e. the 'Now therefore be it resolved' clause).

TITLE: Eliminate The Availability Of Alcohol Except In Liquor Control Board Outlets (LCBO) (i.e. Increase Point Of Sale Control)

SPONSOR: Middlesex-London Board of Health

WHEREAS There is a well-established association between easy access to alcohol and overall rates of consumption and damage from alcohol; and

WHEREAS 73% of Ontarians disagree with the privatization of alcohol retail sales; and

WHEREAS 77% of Ontario adults want beer and liquor store hours to stay the same; 77% want hours of sale in bars to stay the same; and 94% support government involvement in the prevention of alcohol-related problems. (Anglin et al., 2004);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHA) petition the Ontario government to maintain its monopoly on off-premise liquor sales through the Liquor Control Board of Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT alPHA petition the Ontario government to retain oversight of beverage alcohol at Ontario wineries, microbreweries and the Beer Store through the provisions of the Liquor License Act;

AND FURTHER THAT alPHA petition the Ontario Government to fully consult with health experts, including but not limited to alPHA, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and the Ontario Public Health Association before making any policy changes to the availability of beverage alcohol.

ACTION FROM CONFERENCE:

Moved: R. Pellizzari (Peterborough)

Seconded: M. Harding (Thunder Bay)

Resolution CARRIED