March 5, 2008

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier and
Minister of Research and Innovation
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

RE: MEMORANDUM FROM DR. ROBERT KYLE, COMMISSIONER & MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DATED FEBRUARY 21, 2008 RE: SUDBURY & DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH RESOLUTION (Our File #P10-00)

Dear Premier, please be advised the Health & Social Services Committee of Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on March 5, 2008 Council adopted the following recommendations of the Committee:

"a) THAT the following resolution of the Sudbury & District Board of Health regarding public health renewal be endorsed:

'WHEREAS the provincial government has embarked on the renewal of public health in Ontario through Operation Health Protection, has made important progress in areas such as the formation of the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion and the development of public health standards and protocols, and has undertaken some initiatives to improve the training, recruitment and retention of public health professionals; and

WHEREAS on May 19, 2005 the Sudbury & District Board of Health held a public health renewal retreat on public health governance and structure as well as public health funding in order to provide input into the work of the Capacity Review Committee that culminated in the Board endorsing a summary report on June 16, 2005 to indicate their strong support for local governance, autonomous free standing boards of health and provincial municipal cost shared funding; and

WHEREAS numerous recommendations of the Capacity Review Committee (CRC) have yet to be implemented; and
WHEREAS the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) commissioned A Discussion Paper on Public Health, Local Health Integration Networks, and Regional Health Authorities (2007) that supports continued renewal of Ontario's public health system through Operation Health Protection and encourages supportive partnerships with the local health integration networks; and

WHEREAS the OPHA has shared Resolution 2007-04 with public health units to inform future discussions and decisions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sudbury & District Board of Health endorse the OPHA Resolution 2007-04; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be shared with Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC), Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP), Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS), the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPhA).

b) THAT the Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Health and Long Term Care, and Health Promotion, Durham's MPPs, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, alPhA, OPHA and all Ontario boards of health be so advised.

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c: The Honourable Deborah Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services
   The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health & Long-Term Care
   The Honourable Margaret Best, Minister of Health Promotion
   Ms. Laurie Scott, MPP (Haliburton/Victoria/Brock)
   Mr. Wayne Arthurs, MPP (Pickering/Ajax/Uxbridge)
   Ms. Christine Elliott, MPP (Whitby/Ajax)
   Mr. John O'Toole, MPP (Durham)
   Mr. Jerry Ouellette, MPP (Oshawa)
   Mr. Joe Dickson, MPP (Ajax/Pickering)
   Dr. George Pasut, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health and Long-Term Care
   Ms. Linda Stewart, Executive Director, alPhA
   Ms. Connie Uetrecht, Executive Director, OPHA
   all Ontario boards of health
   Dr. R. J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health