

Windsor-Essex County Health Unit

Board of Directors

Resolution Recommendation

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Issue

The Ontario Government is discussing the potential privatization of the LCBO. Deregulation of alcohol sales and the increased access to alcohol has potential negative impact on the health of Ontario residents. Alcohol abuse has widespread health, safety, social, and economic consequences for individuals and the community.

Background

Potential consequences of the privatization of alcohol retail include;

- ?? Increased access to alcohol in the form of increased outlets and expanded hours of sales resulting in increased population consumption and probability of alcohol related harm to our community
- ?? Decrease in control of sales to minors or intoxicated individuals
- ?? Increased marketing and promotion of alcohol products and resulting exposure to youth

Proposed Motion

That the Board of the Windsor-Essex County Health Unit express its grave concern about the possible privatization of the LCBO and the resulting negative impact on the public health of our community to the Premier of Ontario, the minister of Health and Long Term Care, and the Minister of Finance; and that a letter to this effect be sent to the aforementioned and copied to local Ministers and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP's), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Public Health Association(OPHA) and all Ontario Boards of Health.