INFORMATION REPORT

TO: Mayor and Members
   Board of Health

COMMITTEE DATE: December 10, 2018

SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Board of Health Orientation (BOH18037) (City Wide)

WARD(S) AFFECTED: City Wide

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Council Direction:
Not applicable.

Information:
In keeping with the Ontario Public Health Standards (Appendix A), it is an organizational requirement that members of boards of health are aware of their roles and responsibilities, and emerging issues and trends in public health, through the development and implementation of a comprehensive orientation plan for new board members, and a continuing education program for all board members.

The following orientation will be provided to all members of Hamilton’s Board of Health:
- Introductory presentation on board of health governance and accountability at the Board of Health meeting December 10, 2018;
- Presentation of population health data and health equity concepts at the Board of Health meeting January 14, 2018;
- Showcase of public health programs and services in City Hall following the Board of Health meeting January 14, 2018; and,
- Availability of online resources related to the public health mandate and governance.
In addition to orientation for all board members, all individuals in support roles in Councillors’ Offices will be invited to participate in the showcase of public health programs and services on January 14, 2018. This will provide an opportunity to learn more about the work of public health and how to contact public health for future support.

Appendices and Schedules Attached

Appendix A to Report BOH18037 – Ontario Public Health Standards