



Hamilton Board of Health

Report for Information

To: Chair and Members
Hamilton Board of Health

Date: April 27, 2026

Report No: BOH26016

Subject/Title: Program Update Series - Food Safety

Ward(s) Affected: (City Wide)

Recommendations

- a) That Report BOH26016, respecting Hamilton Public Health Food Safety Program Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to introduce the first of Hamilton Public Health's program update report series, which provides an overview of individual program areas;
- The series responds to Board of Health feedback asking for further information about public health programming and its reach and value, including how resources contribute to measurable outcomes and impacts in the Hamilton community;

- Report BOH26016 is the first program update in this series, and focuses on Food Safety.

Financial Considerations

Not Applicable.

Background

Not Applicable.

Analysis

Program Update Series Overview

Hamilton Public Health is introducing a program update series, with each update providing a focused overview of a single program area. These updates respond to the Board of Health's request for more information on Hamilton Public Health's programs and services, including how resources contribute to outcomes and community impact.

The program updates aim to:

- Outline the scope, reach, and value of Hamilton Public Health's programs;
- Demonstrate how public health resources are used to contribute to measurable outcomes and impacts in the Hamilton community; and,
- Support informed Board of Health oversight and decision making.

Program updates will be brought forward regularly, with timing adjusted as needed during the election and budget periods. They will follow a standardized structure and format that may be refined over time based on the Board of Health's feedback and emerging information needs.

Upcoming program updates will include Healthy Babies Healthy Children, Infection Prevention and Control, Immunization, and Child and Adolescent Services.

Report BOH26016: Food Safety Program Update

This report is the first in the series and is focused on Food Safety. The accompanying presentation outlines the Food Safety program's mandate, population health needs, priority populations, approach, relevant partnerships, resources, impact measures program performance, continuous quality improvement, and innovation initiatives.

Health Equity Data

Relevant health equity data are incorporated into the presentation accompanying Report BOH26016.

Legal Implications/Legislated Requirements

This report supports requirements under the Good Governance and Management Practices Domain of the Ontario Public Health Standards. It enhances Board of Health members' awareness and understanding of public health programs and related issues and trends.

Alternatives

Not Applicable.

Previous Reports Submitted

Not Applicable.

Consultation

- Finance & Administration, Hamilton Public Health

Appendices and Schedules Attached

Not Applicable.

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