

Authority: Executive Committee Item EX28.16, adopted as amended by City of Toronto Council on December 16 and 17, 2025

City Council voted in favour of this by-law on December 17, 2025

Written approval of this by-law was given by Mayoral Decision 16-2025 dated December 17, 2025

## **CITY OF TORONTO**

### **BY-LAW 1478-2025**

#### **To amend Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 140, Lobbying, to make amendments relating to City-established advisory or working bodies.**

Whereas under sections 7 and 8 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006 (the “Act”) and the specific powers in sections 165 to 169 of Part V, Accountability and Transparency, of the Act, the City may pass by-laws to regulate lobbying activities, including the appointment of a Registrar; and

Whereas City Council wishes to amend Chapter 140 to address matters relating to City-established advisory or working bodies;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 140, Lobbying, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection §104-5K:

K. A communication that occurs during a meeting of a working group, roundtable, task force, advisory committee, or similar body established and convened by the City Manager or by a City division, for the purpose of providing advice or input to City officials or employees, provided that:

- (1) The body has a written mandate and was formally established before the meeting, as a multi-member group with a continuing advisory function;
- (2) Its mandate, membership, and meeting records identifying participants and summarizing subject matter discussed are publicly disclosed and accessible;
- (3) The participant is attending at the request of a City official, employee, or agency;
- (4) The participant does not use the meeting to seek, promote, or endorse contracts, grants, or other benefits for their employer or client; and
- (5) This exemption applies only to communications made during a meeting convened under the body’s mandate, not to private, serial, or follow-up communications made before or after the meeting, or to individual or informal meetings described as advisory.

Enacted and passed on December 17, 2025.

Frances Nunziata,  
Speaker

(Seal of the City)

John D. Elvidge,  
City Clerk