



## LOBBYIST REGISTRAR'S REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Report to Council on an Inquiry: Lobbying related to a Contract for a Service Efficiency Study

<b>Date:</b>	October 18, 2012
<b>To:</b>	City Council
<b>From:</b>	Lobbyist Registrar
<b>Wards:</b>	ALL
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### **SUMMARY**

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The attached report is made to Council under § 3-7B of the Toronto Municipal Code and the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, s. 169. Section 3-7B requires the Lobbyist Registrar to report directly to Council on the investigations and inquiries conducted by her. Subsections 169(4) and (5) provide that if the Lobbyist Registrar (“Registrar”) makes a report to City Council in respect of an inquiry, the Registrar may disclose in the report such matters as in the Registrar’s opinion are necessary for the purposes of the report; and City Council shall ensure that reports received from the Registrar are made available to the public.

In this inquiry, the Lobbyist Registrar found that a firm that had contract with the City to conduct a Service Efficiency Study had lobbied City staff for additional funds to complete the contract and for additional business in the course of discussions about the performance of the Service Efficiency Study. The firm had not registered or reported these lobbying activities.

In order to achieve transparency, which is in the public interest, the Registrar required the firm to register and report these lobbying activities. The Registrar also advised the firm of the impropriety of lobbying in the course of the administration of a contract. The firm complied with the request to register and report its lobbying activities.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**The Lobbyist Registrar recommends that:**

1. City Council receive the findings in the attached report.

## **Financial Impact**

This report has no financial impact.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

The Toronto Municipal Code, Lobbying, § 3-7B and *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, s. 169, provide that the Lobbyist Registrar reports directly to Council on investigations and inquiries conducted by her.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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