



## LOBBYIST REGISTRAR'S REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Report to Council on an Inquiry: Unregistered Lobbying about a Casino in Toronto

<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.

This report concerns an inquiry conducted by the Registrar to determine whether unregistered lobbying had occurred about a proposed casino prior to the consideration of a motion for a referendum on this issue by Executive Committee on May 14, 2012.

The Lobbying By-law, § 140-10, requires all lobbyists to be registered in the Lobbyist Registry before lobbying public office holders at the City. All lobbying activities must be reported within three business days after they occur.

The Registrar found that MGM Resorts International (MGM) had lobbied members of Council about a proposed casino during the period before Executive Committee met to consider Item EX20.15. MGM had not registered before lobbying. However, MGM was not aware that they were required to register, and co-operated fully with the inquiry. In order to achieve transparency, which is in the public interest, the Registrar permitted

MGM to register and report their lobbying activities after the expiry of the time limits in the by-law.

## **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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