



LOBBYIST REGISTRAR'S REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Report on an Inquiry into Placing Members of Council in an Apparent Conflict of Interest

Date:	March 23, 2015
To:	City Council
From:	Lobbyist Registrar
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

In the attached report, the Lobbyist Registrar finds that officers of a corporation breached the Lobbying By-law, §§ 140-45B and 140-42A by lobbying the then-mayor and a then-councillor about the relocation of the corporation and by inviting them to a tennis match and dinner. These activities placed the then-mayor and then-councillor in an apparent conflict of interest as a result of the business relationship between the corporation and the members' family business.

The corporation has registered and reported its lobbying activities, and has undertaken to attend training in the Lobbying By-law. The corporation and its representatives have undertaken not to lobby a councillor in the current term, in order to avoid placing the councillor in a conflict of interest.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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 *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, s. 169 and Toronto Municipal Code, § 3-7B, provide that the Lobbyist Registrar may report to City Council on inquiries conducted by her, and in the report may disclose such matters as in the Registrar's opinion are necessary for the purposes of the report.

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ATTACHMENTS

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