

**TABIA**

The Boards of Management of Toronto BIAs are members of an umbrella organization called the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (TABIA). While TABIA comprises BIA Boards of Management and represents the BIA Boards, TABIA is a separate not-for-profit umbrella organization.

**TABIA is not a local board of the City**

The *City of Toronto Act, 2006* defines the Boards of Management of BIAs as local boards (restricted definition) for the purposes of the Lobbyist Registry. However, TABIA is not a local board of the City. TABIA and its board members, officers and employees are not public office holders for the purpose of the Municipal Code Chapter 140, Lobbying.

**No requirement to register to communicate with TABIA**

There is no lobbyist registration requirement for anyone who communicates with TABIA and its board members, officers and employees.

**TABIA members communicating with the City**

TABIA is listed as an exempt body in Schedule A to Municipal Code Chapter 140, Lobbying. As a result, TABIA and its board members, officers and employees ***when acting in their official capacity*** do not have to register when communicating with BIA Boards or other City public office holders. This includes communication with Council Members and their staff, employees of the City, and members and employees of other local boards (restricted definition).