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CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW No. 1334-2013

To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 140, Lobbying.

Whereas the following principles apply to the regulation of lobbying the City government's public office holders:

- A. The City government's duty to make decisions in the public interest should not be impeded;
- B. Open and unfettered access to City government is a vital aspect of local democracy;
- C. Lobbying public office holders is a legitimate activity;
- D. Public office holders and the public should be able to know who is attempting to influence City government;
- E. Public disclosure of lobbying activity and standards of conduct for lobbyists are important to the integrity of City government decision-making; and
- F. A system for the registration of lobbying activity and the regulation of the conduct of lobbyists should not impede access to the City government; and

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 Council has enacted a by-law that prohibits lobbyists from communicating in relation to a procurement process except as permitted by applicable procurement policies and procurement documents; and

Whereas Council wishes to clarify the application of the prohibition on lobbying during a procurement process;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. Chapter 140, Lobbying, is amended by adding the following Subsection to § 140-41:
 - C. In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between Subsection A and any other provision of this chapter, Subsection A prevails.
2. This by-law comes into force immediately.

Enacted and passed on October 11, 2013.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

Ulli S. Watkiss,
City Clerk

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