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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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