



Toronto

Office of the Lobbyist Registrar

2014 Operating Budget and
2014-2023 Capital Budget and Plan

Presentation to Budget Committee
December 12, 2013

Mandate of the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar (OLR)

- To maintain a registry of lobbyists and lobbying activities that is available to the public
- To regulate the conduct of lobbyists who lobby City public office holders

Mandate of the OLR

- *City of Toronto Act, 2006 (COTA)* requires the City to establish and maintain public registry of lobbyists
- *COTA* authorizes City to appoint a registrar who is responsible for performing duties assigned by Council in an independent manner
- Chapter 140, Toronto Municipal Code (the Lobbying By-law) – Lobbyist Registrar maintains registry; provides advice, opinions and interpretation; oversees registrations; conducts investigations or inquiries; enforces by-law
- Chapter 3, Toronto Municipal Code (Accountability Officers) – Lobbyist Registrar is an independent accountability officer reporting to Council

Functions of the OLR – Lobbyist Registry

- Maintains the Lobbyist Registry
- Monitors, reviews, verifies, approves, refuses, suspends, revokes registrations
- Informs, advises, interprets – interpretation bulletins, newsletters, training sessions, informational materials
- Maintains and improves OLR Website

Functions of the OLR – Inquiries, Investigations and Enforcement

- Conducts inquiries and investigations to determine if Chapter 140 has been breached
- Registrar reports on inquiries to Council
- Prosecutes under *Provincial Offences Act*

Registrations, Website Visits, Telephone Inquiries Answered

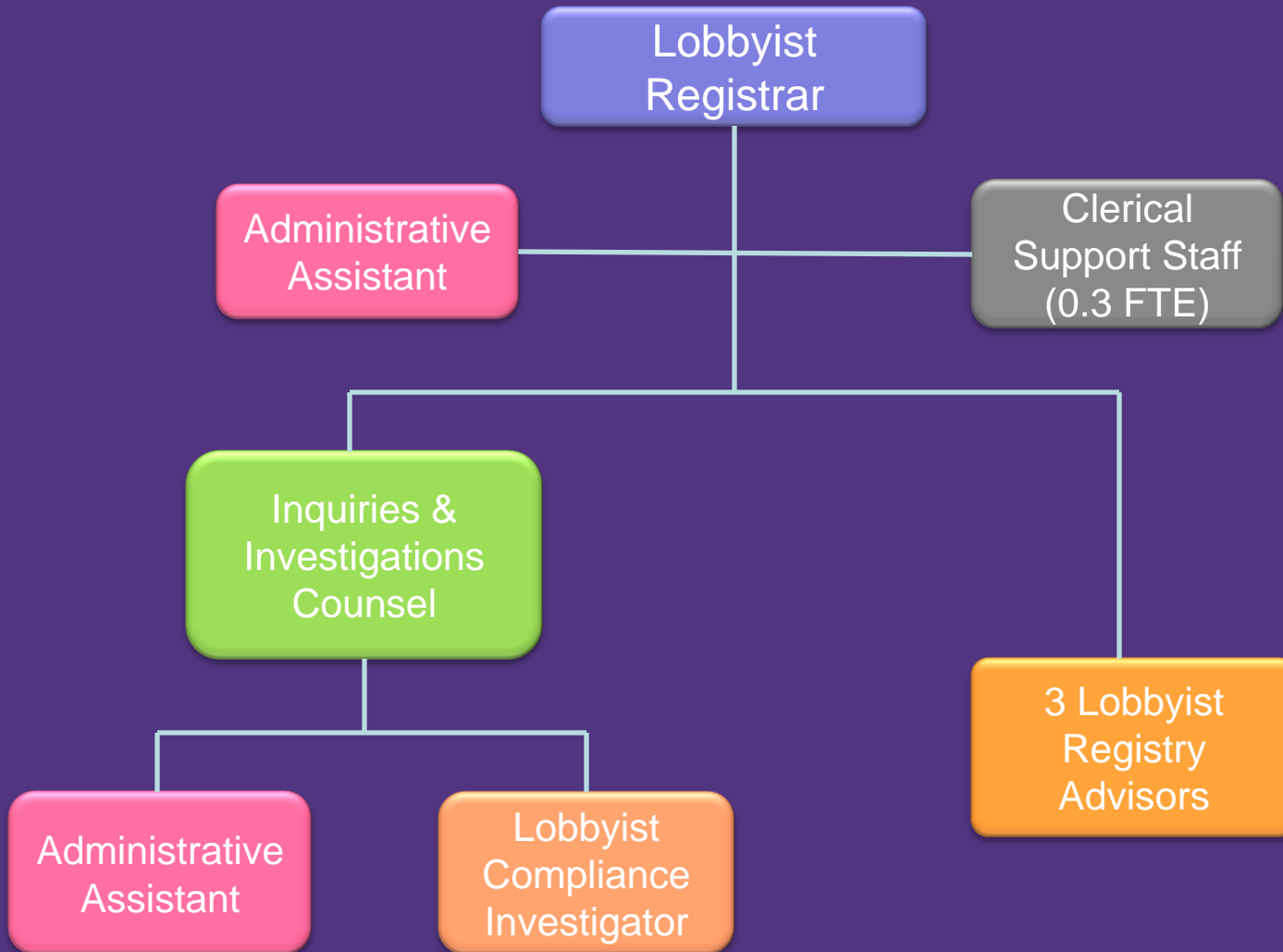
	2013 to November 30	2012	2011	2010
Registrations				
New Lobbyists	412	444	331	229
New Subject Matters	868	879	886	458
Lobbyist Updates	906	677	514	306
Subject Matter Updates (reports of lobbying activities)	4,216	3,920	2,626	1,072
Closed Lobbyist Registrations	284	199	168	32
Closed Subject Matters	657	762	600	346
TOTAL Active Lobbyists	1,314	1,278	1,137	1,047
TOTAL Active Subject Matters	1,876	1,726	1,653	1,424
Website Visits	Not available until January 2014	18,999	16,988	13,466
Telephone Inquiries Answered	2,192	2,038	1,630	1,257

Assessments, Inquiries, Prosecutions, Reports to Council

	2013 to Nov 30	2012	2011	2010
Inquiries (new)	16	18	46	10
(completed)	23	18	21	10
Assessments (new)	24	30	N/A	N/A
(completed)	26	30	N/A	N/A
Prosecutions (new)	0	1	0	0
(completed)	1	0	0	1
Reports to Council on Inquiries	6	5	1	0

OLR Staff Organization Chart

8.3 FTE



2014 Operating Budget Request

In \$000s	2013 Approved Budget	2014			2014 Budget Request vs 2013 Approved Budget	
		Base Budget	Reduction	Budget Request	In Amount	In %
Gross Expenditure	\$1,087.3	\$1,107.8	(\$20.5)	\$1,087.3	\$0.0	0.0%
Revenue	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	N/A
Net Expenditure	\$1,087.3	\$1,107.8	(\$20.5)	\$1,087.3	\$0.0	0.0%

2014 Operating Budget Highlights

- 2014 Budget request of \$1,087.3 thousand net is 0% increase over 2013 Approved Budget
- 94% of budget is salaries and benefits
- No change in approved staff positions

2014 Operating Budget Highlights

- Base budget increase of \$20.5k due to net impact of:
 - \$20.4k progression pay increase
 - \$17.5k for COLA
 - \$1.7k economic factor adjustments
 - \$19.2k reduction related to budget to actual salary adjustment
- One-time budget reduction of \$20.5k in non-payroll to achieve a 0% increase from 2013 budget level

2014-2023 Capital Budget and 10-Year Plan Highlights

- Alternative channel for mobile devices and “top searches” feature = \$0.375 million in 2014
- State of Good Repair (SOGR) of Lobbyist Registry system = \$2.0 million over 3-year period from 2018-2020
- 100% funded by debt