

Office of the Lobbyist Registrar Presentation to Budget Committee 2013 Operating Budget and 2013-2022 Capital Plan

Office of the Lobbyist Registrar City of Toronto December 6, 2012



Mandate of the Office of the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar (OLR)

The OLR's mandate is to maintain a registry of lobbyists and lobbying activities that is available to the public; and to regulate the conduct of lobbyists who lobby City public office holders.



Mandate of the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar

- The *City of Toronto Act, 2006* (*COTA*) requires the City to establish and maintain a registry of lobbyists that shall be available to the public and authorizes the City to appoint a registrar.
- Chapter 140 of the Toronto Municipal Code establishes the lobbyist registration system and Code of Conduct.
- Chapter 3 establishes the Lobbyist Registrar as an independent accountability officer of the City.



Functions of the OLR

The functions of the OLR include:

- Maintaining the lobbyist registration system including review, verification and approval, refusal, suspension or revocation of registrations
- Advising, providing opinions and interpreting Chapter 140



Functions of the OLR

- Conducting inquiries under s. 169 of COTA to determine if Chapter 140 has been breached – Registrar may report to Council
- Enforcing Chapter 140 breach is a provincial offence



Registry Activities

	2012 To November 30	2011	2010
Registrations			
New Lobbyist Registrations Received	427	331	229
New Subject Matter Registrations Received	821	886	458
Lobbyist Registration Updates Received	651	514	306
Subject Matter Updates Received	3,660	2,626	1,072
Lobbyist Registrations Closed	195	168	32
Subject Matters Closed	704	600	346
TOTAL Active Lobbyist Registrations	1,268	1,137	1,047
TOTAL Active Subject Matter Registrations	1,733	1,653	1,424
Telephone Inquiries Answered	1,892	1,630	1,257



Compliance Activities

	2012 To November 30	2011	2010				
Preliminary Assessments	30	N/A	N/A				
Inquiries							
New	19	46	10				
Completed	32	21	10				
Prosecutions	1	0	0				
Reports to Council on an Inquiry	5	1	0				



OLR Staff Organization Chart





2013 Operating Budget Highlights

2013 Operating Budget Request of \$1,065.4 k net includes:

- base budget pressure of \$50.2 k net due to progression pay and benefit increases, reversal of gapping and economic factor adjustments for non-payroll items
- budget reduction of \$57.1 k net or 5.3% of 2012 Approved Net Operating Budget
- budget reduction achieved through reduced salary and non-salary costs



2013 Operating Budget Request

	2012	2013			2013 Budget Request vs. 2012 Approved Budget	
In \$000s	Approved Budget	Base Budget	Reduction	Budget Request	In Amount	In %
Gross						
Expenditure	\$1,081.3	\$1,122.5	(\$57.1)	\$1,065.4	(\$15.9)	-1.5%
Revenue	(\$9.0)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$9.0	N/A
Net Expenditure	\$1,072.3	\$1,122.5	(\$57.1)	\$1,065.4	(\$6.9)	-0.6%



2013-22 Capital Budget Highlights

- No major capital initiatives in 2013
- Over the 10 Years
 - Alternative channel for lobbyist registration using mobile devices – \$0.355 million in 2014
 - State of Good Repair of the lobbyist registration system – \$2.0 million in 2018 to 2020
 - Funded by debt

