



LOBBYIST REGISTRAR'S REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Report on an Inquiry into Communications about Request for Proposal No. 0513-13-7010

Date:	May 28, 2014
To:	City Council
From:	Lobbyist Registrar
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

This is a report on the Lobbyist Registrar's inquiry into whether the Executive Director of Lakeshore Area Multi-Services Project Inc. (LAMP) contravened § 140-41A of the Lobbying By-law by contacting a member of Toronto City Council about a procurement process, Request for Proposal No. 0513-13-7010 (the RFP); and by publishing a blog that encouraged readers to contact members of Council on LAMP's behalf about the RFP.

The Registrar found that LAMP's Executive Director did not contravene § 140-41A when he published the blog and contacted the member of Council about RFP 0513-13-7010. The Lobbying By-law did not apply to his communications on LAMP's behalf because LAMP is a not-for-profit community services sector organization. By virtue of § 140-4, LAMP's members, staff, and officers are not considered to be lobbyists when acting in their official capacity.

Since the Lobbying By-law did not apply, the Executive Director did not breach the Lobbying By-law by communicating with public office holders and publishing a blog about the RFP. As a result, the Registrar has imposed no sanctions.

However, the Registrar found that the Executive Director's communications were subject to the restrictions on communications in the City's Procurement Processes Policy, section 5.0. This report is referred to the Director, Purchasing and Materials Management for follow-up.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Lobbyist Registrar recommends that:

1. City Council receive the findings in the attached report.

Financial Impact

This report has no financial impact.

DECISION HISTORY

The Toronto Municipal Code, Lobbying, § 3-7B, provides that the Lobbyist Registrar reports directly to Council on investigations and inquiries conducted by her.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Report to Council on an Inquiry into Communications by a Not-for-Profit Community Services Sector Organization with Public Office Holders about Request for Proposal No. 0513-13-7010