Inquiry into Lobbying about Tender Call No. 209-2013

Report on an Inquiry into Lobbying about Tender Call No. 209-2013

Date: August 20, 2014
To: City Council
From: Lobbyist Registrar
Wards: All
Reference Number:

SUMMARY

In this report, Lobbyist Registrar finds that three unregistered lobbyists breached the Lobbying By-law, §§ 140-10 and 140-41A by communicating with public office holders about a procurement process, Tender Call No. 209-2013 (the “Tender”), when these communications were not permitted by the City’s procurement policies and the procurement document. Two of the lobbyists were vendors who bid on the Tender. One of the lobbyists was acting on behalf of or in the interests of one of the vendors.

The Lobbyist Registrar refers this report to the Acting Director, Purchasing and Materials Management Division (“PMMD”) for information; and requests all three lobbyists to attend training on the Lobbying By-law provided by the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar (the “OLR”).

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 *City of Toronto Act, 2006*, s. 169 and Toronto Municipal Code, Lobbying, § 3-7B, provide that the Lobbyist Registrar reports directly to City Council on investigations and inquiries conducted by her. If the Registrar makes a report to City Council on an inquiry, the Registrar may disclose in the report such matters as in the Registrar’s opinion are necessary for the purposes of the report; and City Council shall ensure that reports received from the Registrar are made available to the public.

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ATTACHMENTS
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