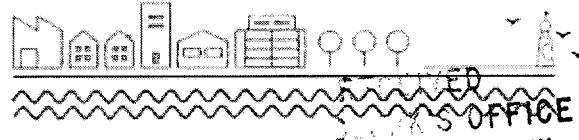


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CITY COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 10TH, 2014 – MEMBER MOTION – MM52.8
REQUIREMENT TO REGISTER WITH THE LOBBYIST REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The Lakeshore Planning Council Corp., a non-profit residents' organization in effect for more than 21 years in South Etobicoke, on behalf of our resident members, oppose the request to amend the Lobbying Chapter of the Municipal Code that would require community organizations of all types to register with the Lobbyist Registrar's Office (LRO).

Resident / Ratepayer groups by their very nature are voluntary organizations and work on behalf of their members dealing with local and / or city-wide matters that may affect them, including obtaining and disseminating information on public meetings and submitting letters on these items on their behalf, and at their request, to City Council.

The proposed amendment would create red-tape and constraints, and serve to impede and discourage citizen input into matters that concern them, rather than facilitate, or even increase, citizen participation.

The proposed amendment would effectively exclude grass root organizations particularly in their formative stages.

We kindly request that residents / ratepayers and other community groups continue to be exempt from the Lobbyist Registrar.

Sincerely,

(signed)

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Chairman
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