



## LOBBYIST REGISTRAR'S REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Report on an Inquiry into Placing a City Employee in an Apparent Conflict of Interest

<b>Date:</b>	March 23, 2015
<b>To:</b>	City Council
<b>From:</b>	Lobbyist Registrar
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

#### SUMMARY

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In the attached report, the Lobbyist Registrar has found that lobbying activities by two consultant lobbyists placed a City employee in an apparent conflict of interest, contrary to the Lobbying By-law, § 140-45B. The apparent conflict of interest arose from the spousal relationship between the City employee and another consultant lobbyist with the same lobbying firm.

The lobbying firm has consulted with the Lobbyist Registrar on a protocol to ensure compliance with the Lobbying By-law. The Registrar requests the firm to continue to consult with the Registrar on its compliance protocol, and to seek the Registrar's advice on any potential conflicts of interest that may arise.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**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, § 3-7B, provide that the Lobbyist Registrar may report to City Council on inquiries conducted by her, and in the report may disclose such matters as in the Registrar's opinion are necessary for the purposes of the report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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