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To: Members of Council and their staff

From: Valerie Jepson, Integrity Commissioner
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Subject: Holiday Gift-giving and Events

During the holiday season, members of Council sometimes receive gifts and invitations to events. Please be reminded that:

- Under the Lobbying By-law, lobbyists are not permitted to offer or provide gifts, entertainment, meals or favours of any kind.
- Under the Code of Conduct for Members of Council, members have a companion obligation not to receive such gifts or benefits of any value from lobbyists.
- Further, members are reminded that they are not permitted to receive a gift or benefit from any other source unless one of the exceptions set out in the Code applies. See Article IV of the Code of Conduct.

If offered a gift or an invitation to an event, members of Council and their staff should be aware of the Lobbying By-law and their own Code of Conduct obligations. This may mean politely declining gifts or invitations. Members of Council can contact the Integrity Commissioner for specific advice as follows: vjepson@toronto.ca or 416-397-7770.

Please contact the Lobbyist Registrar, Linda Gehrke at 416-338-5865, lgehrke@toronto.ca for advice on the provisions of the Lobbying By-law relating to gifts and invitations; to ask if someone is a lobbyist or the client of a lobbyist; or to report that a lobbyist has offered or provided a gift, meal, entertainment or favour in breach of the Lobbying By-law.

Kind regards,


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