



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED
with Confidential Attachment**

Appointment of an Interim Lobbyist Registrar

Date:	April 26, 2016
To:	City Council
From:	City Manager
Wards:	All
Reason for Confidential Information:	This report deals with personal matters about an identifiable person and is about labour relations or employee negotiations.
Reference Number:	

SUMMARY

The current Lobbyist Registrar will retire on May 8, 2016. The recruitment process for a new Lobbyist Registrar is underway and is expected to conclude in June 2016 with the Selection Panel recommending an appointee to City Council for consideration.

The purpose of this report is to seek City Council's authority to appoint the person identified in Confidential Attachment 1 as the City's Lobbyist Registrar on an interim basis commencing on May 9, 2016 as the recruitment process will not have concluded prior to the current Registrar's retirement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that:

1. City Council appoint as interim Lobbyist Registrar the person identified in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report, conditional upon the parties executing an Employment Agreement to the satisfaction of the City Manager, effective May 9, 2016 and ending when the new Lobbyist Registrar is appointed by City Council.
2. City Council authorize the public release of the name and summary profile of the interim Lobbyist Registrar contained in Confidential Attachment 1 upon approval of the appointment of the interim Lobbyist Registrar and at the conclusion of this Council meeting.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on February 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2007, City Council approved the Lobbying Control Framework and approved the appointment of the City's first Lobbyist Registrar (EX2.4).

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cc/decisions/2007-02-05-cc02-dd.pdf>

At its meeting on June 23 and 24, 2008, City Council approved the appointment of Linda Gehrke as Toronto's second Lobbyist Registrar, effective August 1, 2008 with no fixed term.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2008.CC22.2>

At its meeting on April 29 and 30, 2009, City Council authorized the City Manager, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to develop standard terms of employment for Toronto's accountability officers. Council also approved a five 5-year fixed term of office for the Lobbyist Registrar, renewable once for an additional five (5) year term.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2009.EX31.1>

At its meeting of March 31, April 1 and 2, 2015, City Council amended Article IV, Section 3-24 of the *Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 3, Accountability Officers*, to change the term of the Lobbyist Registrar to a seven (7) year non-renewable term.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX4.1>

At its meeting on March 31, April 1 and 2, 2015, City Council directed an external review of the four Accountability Officers' operations focusing on the legal, technical and process implications of appointing Officers in a combined or multiple role.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-78506.pdf>

At its meeting of December 9 and 10, 2015, City Council considered an external review of Toronto's accountability functions to explore options for delivering the functions in a combined or multiple role. Council authorized the City Manager to initiate a recruitment process for a Lobbyist Registrar to be appointed by City Council for a term ending in September 2019. Council also requested the City Manager to report back prior to the end of the current Council term on the process to appoint one person as both Integrity Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar in 2019.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX10.3>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The *City of Toronto Act, 2006* requires the City to establish a lobbyist registry and provides the authority to appoint a Lobbyist Registrar. City Council established a lobbyist registry and appointed its first Lobbyist Registrar in 2007. The Lobbyist Registrar reports directly to Council.

The Toronto Lobbyist Registrar promotes and enhances the transparency and integrity of City government decision making through public disclosure of lobbying activities and regulation of lobbyists' conduct. The Lobbyist Registrar's responsibilities include overseeing the lobbyist registration system, providing advice and enforcing compliance with *Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 140, Lobbying*, conducting inquiries and investigations, and advising City Council on lobbying matters.

The current Lobbyist Registrar, Linda Gehrke, is retiring effective May 8, 2016.

COMMENTS

The recruitment process for a Lobbyist Registrar is underway, however, it will not have concluded by the current Registrar's retirement. As a result, it is necessary to appoint an interim Lobbyist Registrar until the recruitment process concludes in June 2016 at which point the Selection Panel will recommend an appointee to City Council for consideration.

This report recommends City Council appoint as interim Lobbyist Registrar the person identified in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report, conditional upon the parties executing an Employment Agreement to the satisfaction of the City Manager, effective May 9, 2016 and ending when the new Lobbyist Registrar is appointed by City Council.

The appointment of an Interim Lobbyist Registrar requires a 2/3 majority vote (30 members) of City Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

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