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City Clerk;

Re: Ex 13.2 Follow-up Report on Amendments to the Lobbying By-law

Dear Council Members;

It has come to our attention that the above report recommends a requirement for not-for-profit organizations to register as lobbyists on page 7 of the report.

A definition of a not-for-profit organization is not provided, therefore leaving the interpretation and who the intended groups are is undefined. For example, does this only include incorporated not-for-profits? If yes then all Residents and Community Associations who are unincorporated are exempted but those who are must register. If it includes unincorporated organizations what is their definition? Do two people with a common interest constitute a not-for-profit organization?

Incorporated not-for profit organizations include a broad range of organizations from Communal Organizations, Charities, Condominium Corporations, Non-Profit Housing, Special Interest Groups as well as those serving the Community at large. A listing of those Incorporated in Ontario may be found at the following link which provides some idea of the large net that is captured. (This does not include those that are federally incorporated.)

[http://www.globalphilanthropy.ca/images/uploads/List\\_of\\_Ontario\\_Non-Profit\\_Corporations\\_finally\\_released\\_by\\_Mark\\_Blumberg.pdf](http://www.globalphilanthropy.ca/images/uploads/List_of_Ontario_Non-Profit_Corporations_finally_released_by_Mark_Blumberg.pdf)

We therefore request that either not-for-profit organizations be removed from consideration or further reporting be required to define a not-for-profit organization as well as provide exclusions and inclusions for consideration.

In any event, we would request that not-for-profit organizations who are resident, community, BIAs and certain types Charities be exempted.

Regards;

Linda Brett, President BENA

Submitted on behalf of the BENA Executive