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Toronto City Councillors  
City of Toronto  
10th floor, West Tower, City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Councillors:

**Re: EX13.2 - Follow-up Report on Amendments to Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 140, Lobbying ("Lobbying By-law")**

We refer to the above item, and particularly to the following motion which passed by 11 votes in favour and 2 against.

*1 - Motion to Amend Item (Additional) moved by Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong (Carried)*

That City Council request the City Manager, in consultation with the Lobbyist Registrar and the City Solicitor, to review the requirements for not-for-profits organizations and labour unions, and Fire Services, Toronto Paramedic Services, Toronto Police Service and their associations to register and report to Executive Committee with amendments to Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 140, Lobbying as required.

We object to any requirement for incorporated and unincorporated neighbourhood residents' associations, which are not-for-profit organizations, to register as lobbyists with the Lobbyist Registrar.

We further request the City of Toronto adopt regulations, identifying lobbyists who must register with the Lobbyist Registrar, that are consistent with the "**Lobbying Act**" of Canada and the Ontario "**Lobbyists Registration Act**".

Specifically, the website of the [Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying of Canada](http://www.lobbyingcanada.gc.ca) states:

The (Lobbying) Act applies to individuals who are paid to lobby. People who lobby on a voluntary basis are not required to register.

The *Lobbying Act* identifies three types of lobbyists:

**Consultant Lobbyist**

- A person who is hired to communicate on behalf of a client. This individual may be a professional lobbyist but could also be any individual who, in the course of his or her work for a client, communicates with or arranges meetings with a public office holder.

**In-House Lobbyist (Corporations)**

- A person who works for compensation in an entity that operates **for profit**.

**In-House Lobbyist (Organizations)**

- A person who works for compensation in a **non-profit** entity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

(signed)

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Cc: City Manager, Peter Wallace