

Swansea Area Ratepayers' Association

EX13.2.41

Reflecting the interests of the Swansea Community



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Swansea Area Ratepayers' Group

May 2, 2016

To: All Members of Council
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2

Re: CITY COUNCIL MEETING – May 3, 2016
EX13.2 - Follow-up Report on Amendments to Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 140, Lobbying
("Lobbying By-law")

I am writing on behalf of the Swansea Area Ratepayers' Association (SARA) and the Swansea Area Ratepayers' Group (SARG) about Item EX13.2.

SARA/SAAG is writing to oppose the request to amend the Lobbying Chapter of the Municipal Code that would require community organizations of all types to register with the Lobbyist Registrar's Office (LRO).

Resident / Ratepayer groups by their very nature are voluntary organizations and work on behalf of their members dealing with local and / or city-wide matters that may affect them. The proposed amendment would effectively exclude grass root organizations particularly in their formative stages.

SARA/SARG respectfully asks that residents/ratepayers and other community groups continue to be exempt from the Lobbyist Registrar.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
David Fleming
Executive Secretary
SARA/SARG