

# West Don Lands Committee

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Task Force to Bring Back the Don

May 2, 2016

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of Council,

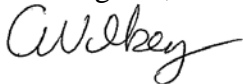
**Re: Council Item EX13.2, Follow-up Report on Amendments to Toronto  
Municipal Code, Chapter 140, Lobbying ("Lobbying By-law")**

I am writing on behalf of the West Don Lands Committee, a coalition of community-based resident, business, service, environmental and heritage organizations to urge you to reject the Executive Committee recommendation that a report be prepared on including "non-profit organizations" in the registration requirements under the City lobbyist by-law

The ability of constituents to speak with their elected representatives individually or through non-profit organizations (such as resident associations or coalitions such as the West Don Lands Committee) is at the heart of our democratic process and supports the City's aspiration to encourage civic engagement. Fettering, rather than fostering that engagement should not be an initiative of this Council

The work of engaged citizen groups does not raise the integrity concerns that underlie the need for the registration of lobbyists working within the business sector. The existing by-law recognizes that distinction and we do not believe there is a reason to revisit the existing structure.

Best regards,



Cynthia Wilkey (for John Wilson and Cynthia Wilkey, Co-Chairs, West Don Lands Committee)