

Annual Report of the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar for the Year 2016

Presentation to City Council
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What is the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar's Role?

- To promote and enhance the transparency and integrity of City government decision-making through public disclosure of lobbying activities and regulation of lobbyists' conduct.
- Two important tools in the By-law are:
 - An Online Registry; and
 - A Lobbyists' Code of Conduct

Why is the Oversight of the Lobbying By-law Important?

1. It builds the public's confidence in City government.
2. Provides a view of City government working with its citizens to solve problems.
3. The public knows who is meeting with whom and about what.

The Public Registry and the Lobbyists' Code of Conduct as Tools for Good Governance

Good Governance:

- Registry is an instrument for civic engagement
- Registry is a lens of transparency

Open Government:

- Registry guarantees transparency, participation, accountability and accessibility
- Registry provides open data, open information and open engagement

How does the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar (OLR) Operate?

1. Lobbyist Registry
2. Outreach and Education
3. Investigations and Enforcement

Interpretation Bulletins and Advice in 2016

In 2016, the following Interpretations Bulletins were released:

1. Imposing Temporary Bans on Lobbying – Procedures
2. Imposing Conditions for Registration – Procedures
3. What Information Must a Consultant Lobbyist Provide About the Client?
4. When Must a Client of a Consultant Lobbyist Register?
5. Enforcement of the Lobbying By-law
6. Is Lobbying a Legitimate Activity

Report to Council on Inquiries in 2016

In 2016, the following report was submitted to Council:

- Report on an Inquiry for Inaccurate and Misleading Registrations

This report outlined the following:

1. Lobbyists must not knowingly mislead anyone and should use proper care when providing information to the public and to public office holders;
2. That information provided by lobbyists to the public through the Registry must be free of error; and
3. When communicating with public office holders, lobbyists must ensure that both the identity of who they are acting behalf of, and the purpose for the communication are disclosed correctly.

New Enforcement Powers in the Lobbying By-law (Council, May 2016)

1. Consultant lobbyists must disclose their ultimate client.
2. The Registrar may impose certain conditions on new and existing registrations when a lobbyist has been found in breach of the Lobbying By-law (By-law).
3. The Registrar may impose a temporary ban against a lobbyist who has been found in breach of the By-law.

Bill 68: New Proposed Amendments to COTA

- Bill 68 “*Modernizing Ontario’s Municipal Legislation Act*”, tabled by the Province of Ontario, proposes to grant City Council’s request to amend COTA to:
 - Allow for extensions to the statutory limitation period for prosecutions under the *Provincial Offences Act* for breaches of the By-law from 6 months to 2 years; and
 - Provide authority to the Lobbyist Registrar to impose administrative monetary penalties.

Top Ten Registered Subject Matters

Rank	Subject Matter Category	Subject Matter Category
1	Planning and Development	1,102
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Development • Technology 	184 184
3	Transportation – Roads/Bridges	122
4	Procurement	119
5	Transit/TTC	111
6	Building Permits	102
7	By-law/Regulation	90
8	Signs	89
9	Environment	83
10	Water	73

Looking Towards the Year Ahead (2017)

1. Bill 68 – *Modernizing Ontario’s Municipal Legislation Act, 2016*
2. Improving the Online Lobbyist Registry
3. Continuous Review of the Lobbying By-law
4. Achieving OLR Mandate in a Fair, Accessible, Timely and Effective Manner
5. Updating, Improving and Strengthening the City’s Accountability Framework
6. Education and Outreach