

## **Appointment of a Toronto Lobbyist Registrar**

**Date:** June 12, 2023

**To:** City Council

**From:** Chair, Lobbyist Registrar Selection Panel

**Wards:** All

### **REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

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This report deals with personal matters about an identifiable person.

### **SUMMARY**

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This report recommends the appointment of a candidate as the City of Toronto's Lobbyist Registrar.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Chair, Lobbyist Registration Selection Panel recommends that:

1. City Council appoint as Lobbyist Registrar the candidate identified in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report, effective September 7, 2023, subject to and following written acceptance by the candidate of the prescribed Accountability Officer employment agreement offered by the City, for a 7-year non-renewable term ending on September 6, 2030, with all the powers and duties imposed upon the Lobbyist Registrar by *Chapter 3, Accountability Officers, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code*.
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to introduce the necessary Bills to give effect to City Council's decision.
3. City Council authorize the public release of the Curriculum Vitae Summary in Confidential Attachment 1 to the report from the Chair, Lobbyist Registrar Selection Panel, upon City Council's approval of the appointment.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

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There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report beyond what has been included in the 2023 Council Approved Operating Budget for the Toronto Lobbyist Registrar.

The Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the information as presented in the Financial Impact Section.

## DECISION HISTORY

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At its meeting on July 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2016, City Council appointed Cristina De Caprio as Lobbyist Registrar for an initial 3 year period, and extended her term to a full 7-year period at its meeting of May 14 and 15, 2019, to a period ending on September 6, 2023 ([2016.CC20.5](#) and [2019.CC7.2](#))

At its meeting of March 31, April 1 and 2, 2015, City Council amended Article IV, Section 3-24 of the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 3, Accountability Officers, to change the term of the Lobbyist Registrar to a seven (7) year non-renewable term ([2015.EX.4.1](#)).

## COMMENTS

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At its July 12, 2016 meeting, City Council appointed Cristina De Caprio as Toronto's Lobbyist Registrar for a term ending on September 6, 2019. At its meeting of May 19, 2019, City Council adopted Item CC7.2, and in doing so determined to extend the term of the current Lobbyist Registrar to a period ending on September 6, 2023, on the same terms and conditions of the current fixed term engagement so that the Lobbyist Registrar will serve the full 7-year non-renewable term set out in Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 3, Accountability Officers provided that Ms. De Caprio enters into an employment agreement satisfactory to the City Manager prior to September 6, 2019.

The City of Toronto is authorized to appoint a lobbyist registrar under the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* and reports directly to City Council.

A recruitment process was initiated in January 2023 to fill the position of Lobbyist Registrar. Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 3, Accountability Officers, requires the selection process for accountability officers be conducted by an external recruitment firm and that the appointment be recommended to City Council by a Selection Panel, appointed by the Mayor and chaired by the Mayor or their designate.

A selection panel was appointed that included Councillor Colle (Chair), Councillor Ainslie, Councillor Mantas and Councillor Moise. The Selection Panel was assisted by LHH Knightsbridge, an independent executive search firm engaged to undertake the search and support the selection process. LHH Knightsbridge is an executive search

and leadership advisory firm with over 20 years of experience in executive recruitment across all sectors, who conducted a comprehensive search to fill this position.

The Selection Panel undertook a comprehensive interview process, and unanimously recommends to City Council the appointment of a Lobbyist Registrar as identified in Confidential Attachment 1. The appointment of the Lobbyist Registrar requires a 2/3 majority vote of City Council.

This report is submitted by the Chair on behalf of the Members of the Lobbyist Registrar Selection Panel.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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Mike Colle, Councillor  
Chair, Lobbyist Registrar Selection Panel

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Confidential Attachment 1