



City of
Kelowna

Lobbyist Registry & Council Interaction with Developers

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Lobbyist Registry

- ▶ Registration & disclosure requirements
- ▶ Applies to those seeking to influence a Council decision
- ▶ Supports transparency & accountability in decision-making

Application

- ▶ Individuals or groups
- ▶ Paid or unpaid
- ▶ Communicating with a Council member to influence a Council decision
- ▶ Exemptions:
 - ▶ Other elected officials and public sector staff acting in official capacity
 - ▶ Written correspondence to all of Council
 - ▶ Participating in a public hearing

Procedures

- ▶ Lobbyist registers online within 5 days of communicating with Council member
 - ▶ Name & contact information
 - ▶ Business or organization
 - ▶ Initial date of communication
 - ▶ Topic(s)
- ▶ Office of the City Clerk maintains & publishes the Registry
 - ▶ Available online & in-person at City Hall

Compliance

- ▶ Progressive enforcement to support compliance
- ▶ Contact lobbyist informing them of requirements
- ▶ Providing Council with list of those not in compliance
- ▶ If applicant of development application is not in compliance, Council will not consider the application

Council Interaction With Developers

- ▶ Guidance supports a fair & transparent process following legislation & procedures
- ▶ Clear expectations for applicants, the public & Council

Considerations

- ▶ Reserving decisions for Council meetings
- ▶ Appropriate locations for meetings
- ▶ Seeking information from staff ahead of time

Conclusion

- ▶ Policies support each other in promoting transparency, accountability & a common set of expectations
- ▶ Recommend Council adopt both policies
- ▶ Staff will implement the Lobbyist Registry
 - ▶ Online form
 - ▶ User guidelines



Questions?

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