

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Re: Amendments to Council Policy No. 390 Lobbyist Registry

THAT Council directs staff to explore the implications of amending Council Policy No. 390 Lobbyist Registry policy statement 5.c) as outlined in the draft resolution dated March 30, 2026 and report back to Council.

BACKGROUND:

Councillor Cannan indicated their intent to bring forward a resolution regarding amendments to the Lobbyist Registry Council Policy on February 9, 2026.

COUNCILLOR CANNAN COMMENTS:

I am writing to respectfully request that Council consider an amendment to Council Policy No. 390 – Lobbyist Registry, specifically Section 5.c).

Currently, Section 5.c) reads:

“For development applications, if the subject property owner, applicant, or their representative is not in compliance with this Policy in relation to that application, Council may not consider their development application until they are in compliance.”

I propose that Council will defer consideration until the applicant is in compliance so that the sentence would read:

“For development applications, if the subject property owner, applicant, or their representative is not in compliance with this Policy in relation to that application, Council will defer consideration of the application until the applicant is in compliance with this Policy, except where Council determines that doing so would be inconsistent with its statutory duties.

The Lobbyist Registry was established to promote transparency and public confidence in Council decision-making. Replacing “may” with “will defer” would strengthen the Policy by ensuring consistent enforcement and removing ambiguity. Compliance would no longer be discretionary but mandatory, reinforcing the integrity and intent of the Policy.

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That is, the amendment does not prevent an applicant’s submission and does not deny rights under the Local Government Act as it is a policy compliance sequencing requirement.

The proposed amendment does not preclude an applicant from making a submission, nor does it infringe upon any rights provided under the Local Government Act. Rather, it establishes a procedural requirement related to policy compliance and sequencing.

Date: March 30, 2026