



## **GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES 14-014**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 18, 2014**

**Council Chambers**

**Hamilton City Hall**

**71 Main Street West**

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**Present:** Deputy Mayor R. Powers (Chair)  
Mayor R. Bratina  
Councillors B. Clark, C. Collins, J. Farr, L. Ferguson,  
T. Jackson, B. Johnson, B. McHattie, S. Merulla, R. Morrow,  
J. Partridge, M. Pearson

**Absent with Regrets:** Councillors T. Whitehead and R. Pasuta – Personal  
Councillor S. Duvall – Vacation

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### **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- 1. Correspondence from Arend Kersten, Executive Director of the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce, respecting the Lobbyist Registry (Item 5.1)**

**(Partridge/Merulla)**

That the correspondence from Arend Kersten, Executive Director of the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce, respecting the Lobbyist Registry, be received.

**CARRIED**

- 2. Lobbyist Registry By-law – Summary of Public Consultation (CM14006) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

**(Pearson/Partridge)**

That Report CM14006, respecting a Lobbyist Registry By-law – Summary of Public Consultation, be received.

**CARRIED**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

**(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)**

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

- (i) Added as Item 4.2 – a Delegation Request submitted by Nando De Caria, of the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders Association, respecting the Lobbyist Registry
- (ii) Added as Item 5.1 – Correspondence from Arend Kersten, Executive Director of the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce, respecting the Lobbyist Registry
- (iii) Item 8.1 – Page 13 of 21 of Appendix “B” to Report CM14006, respecting the Lobbyist Registry By-law – Summary of Public Consultation, the last sentence of the submission was inadvertently cut off during printing, and has since been reprinted and distributed.

**(Johnson/Pearson)**

That the agenda for the June 18, 2014 Special meeting of the General Issues Committee be approved, as amended,

**CARRIED**

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)**

- (i) **Don McLean, on behalf of Citizens at City Hall, respecting the Lobbyist Registry (Item 4.1)**

**(Partridge/Johnson)**

That the delegation request submitted by Don McLean, on behalf of Citizens at City Hall, to appear before Committee today, respecting the Lobbyist Registry, be approved .

**CARRIED**

- (ii) **Nando De Caria, of the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders Association, respecting the Lobbyist Registry (Item 4.2)**

**(Pearson/Jackson)**

That the delegation request submitted by, Nando De Caria, of the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders Association, to appear before Committee today, respecting the Lobbyist Registry, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**(d) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)**

**(i) Don McLean, on behalf of Citizens at City Hall, respecting the Lobbyist Registry (Item 4.1)**

Mr. McLean addressed Committee respecting the proposed Lobbyist Registry. Mr. McLean's comments included, but were not limited to, the following:

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- Mr. McLean expressed his views and provided examples of why a Lobbyist Registry is important to have in Hamilton.
- There is nothing significantly different between Hamilton and Toronto.
- Recommends approval of the Toronto version of the Lobbyist Registry rather than the version currently before Committee.

**(Johnson/Morrow)**

That the verbal presentation provided by Don McLean, on behalf of Citizens at City Hall, respecting the Lobbyist Registry, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Nando De Caria, of the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders Association, respecting the Lobbyist Registry (Item 4.2)**

Mr. De Caria addressed Committee respecting the proposed Lobbyist Registry. A copy of Mr. De Caria's written submission is included in the agenda on page 3 of 4 to Appendix "D" of Report CM1006, which is listed as Item 8.1 on the agenda.

The presentation provided by Nando De Caria, of the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders Association, respecting the Lobbyist Registry was received.

**(Ferguson/Pearson)**

That the verbal presentation provided by, Nando De Caria, of the Hamilton-Halton Home Builders Association, respecting the Lobbyist Registry, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**Linda Gehrke, Lobbyist Registrar, City of Toronto, respecting the Lobbyist Registry (Item 7.1)**

Ms. Gehrke addressed Committee and outlined the City of Toronto's Lobbyist Registry. Ms. Gehrke's presentation included, but was not limited to, the following:

- The mission of the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar (in Toronto) is to promote and enhance the transparency and integrity of City government decision-making by:
  - Providing an online, searchable lobbyist registry that is available to the public; and,
  - Ensuring lobbyists' conduct complies with a high standard of ethics.
  
- History of the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar
- Legislation
- Guiding Principles in the Lobbying By-law (City of Toronto)
- Office of the Lobbyist Registrar
- Obligations of Lobbyists
- Lobbyists' Code of Conduct

**(Pearson/Jackson)**

That the presentation by Linda Gehrke Lobbyist Registrar for the City of Toronto, be received.

**CARRIED**

A full copy of the presentation is available on the City's web site at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca).

**(f) Lobbyist Registry (Item 9.1)**

**(McHattie/Farr)**

- (a) That Item 9.1, a motion respecting a Lobbyist Registry for the City of Hamilton, be TABLED to the September 4, 2014 meeting of the General Issues Committee.

(b) That staff be directed to report back to the September 4, 2014 General Issues Committee, with respect to the following, as they relate to the proposed Lobbyist Registry By-law for the City of Hamilton:

1. Addition of Guiding Principles;
2. Addition of a Code of Conduct for Lobbyists;
3. Requirement that a lobbyist report when meeting with a Councillor;
4. Emphasize that the onus is on the lobbyist to register;
5. Reduce the period to register as a lobbyist from 15 days to 1 day prior to lobbying;
6. Requirement for a complainant to pay a \$100 fee upon filing a complaint against a registrant;
7. That the lobbyist registry apply to the hiring process for the Senior Management Team;
8. Ward constituent exemptions: clarification as to when they are/aren't required to lobby (if they are a business or if a business is on the property);
9. Non profits – should they be exempt and are there any differences between them?
10. Consideration of the Lobbyist Registrar's ability to exempt on a temporary basis. Have others done it and what are the parameters?
11. Explanation of the process; when does the lobbyist register and when do they report, and what are the reporting timelines;
12. Confirm financial implications; the Registrar may need an assistant.
13. Investigate the costs associated with the appointment of a Lobbyist Registrar through a group such as Local Authorities Services (LAS) through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and, the costs associated with appointing a member of City staff as the Lobbyist Registrar;
14. Outline the process to implement the by-law.

**(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)**

**(Ferguson/Partridge)**

That, there being no further business, the General Issues Committee meeting, be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Powers  
Deputy Mayor

Stephanie Paparella  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk