Minute No. 405
Report – Governance Committee of Council – May 7, 2015

Item No. 1 Lobbyist Registry Report

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and adopted the following:

1. That the Lobbyist Registry Report be received as information.

2. That the Public Service prepare a report for the consideration of Council outlining the required amendments to the City of Winnipeg Charter Act to create an enforceable lobbyist registry that allows for investigative and enforcement activities.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,

That the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 13, 2015, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and submitted the matter to Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On May 7, 2015, the Governance Committee of Council received as information the Lobbyist Registry Report.

Further, the Governance Committee of Council directed the Public Service to prepare a report for the consideration of Council outlining the required amendments to the City of Winnipeg Charter Act to create an enforceable lobbyist registry that allows for investigative and enforcement activities;

and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 25, 2015, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 11, 2015, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Governance Committee of Council and submitted the matter to Council.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 5, 2015, the Governance Committee of Council referred the Council Motion of January 28, 2015 to the City Auditor for report back to the Governance Committee of Council, and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On January 28, 2015, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Governance Committee of Council:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS the Federal and several Provincial Governments, including the Province of Manitoba, have enacted legislation establishing a registry of 'Lobbyists' within their jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS the City of Toronto has created a model 'Lobbyist Registry' at the Municipal level of Government in Canada;

AND WHEREAS it has become apparent that the City of Winnipeg would benefit from such a 'Lobbyist Registry' being in place;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Winnipeg request that the Governance Committee of Council review the options available to the City to introduce such a 'Lobbyist Registry' itself or if the City of Winnipeg could be included in the Provincial legislation, "The Lobbyists Registration Act" together with other Municipal jurisdictions within the Province similar to the Province of Quebec model;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee report back to Council no later than October 1, 2015 on such options.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Title: **Report on the Creation of a Lobbyist Registry**

Critical Path: **Governance Committee of Council**

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATIONS

That this report be received as information.

REASON FOR THE REPORT

The Governance Committee of Council passed the following motion on May 15, 2014:

> "The Governance Committee of Council recommended that the Council Motion of March 26, 2014 be referred to the City Auditor for report back to the Governance Committee of Council."

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is being submitted as information only.

HISTORY

City Council passed the following motion on March 26, 2014:

"That the Public Service be directed to devise a Lobbyist Registry, based upon best practices from Cities like Toronto and Ottawa as well as the Provincial Governments;

That the Lobbyist Registry be administered through the City Auditor, and that an annual report be filed by the City Auditor on activities and registrants;

That the City Auditor recommend penalties for violation of the Lobbyist Registry;

That the Public Service report back to Council within 60 days with a recommended plan for Council adoption."

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Financial Impact Statement

Date: April 22, 2015

Project Name:

Report on Creation of a Lobbyist Registry

First Year of Program

	0	1	2	3	4
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Debt - External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Enter Description Here)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Enter Description Here	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

original signed by

Department Controller

CONSULTATION

In preparing this report there was consultation with:

n/a

SUBMITTED BY

Department – Audit Department
Division
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Date: April 22, 2015
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