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office of the registrar of lobbyists
BRITISH COLUMBIA



Overview: Annual Report & Service Plan 2023-2024

OUR MANDATE

Promote awareness among lobbyists of registration requirements.

Promote awareness among the public of the existence of the Lobbyists Registry.

Manage and maintain the Lobbyists Registry, in which lobbyists to register their lobbying activities

Monitor and enforce compliance with the LTA.

THE ORL

The Registrar of Lobbyists is an independent Officer of the Legislature who oversees the *Lobbyists Transparency Act*, and addresses concerns about the integrity of government decision-making by providing a public record of who is attempting to influence government decisions.

THE LTA

The *Lobbyists Transparency Act* (LTA) regulates lobbying activities in British Columbia.

The goal of the LTA is to promote transparency in lobbying and government decision-making by allowing citizens to know who is attempting to influence public office holders' decisions.

THE REGISTRY

The LTA promotes transparency in the lobbying process by requiring lobbyists to declare details of their lobbying efforts on an online lobbyists registry, available for the public to view free of charge at any time.

OUR WORK

The ORL manages compliance through public education and outreach, verification of registration information, public reporting, compliance reviews, investigations, and administrative penalties for non-compliance.

HIGHLIGHTS



Check out the Highlights section starting on page 16, which includes information on key guidance documents issued, furthering transparency of the Lobbyists Registry, and more.

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FROM THE REGISTRAR

I am pleased to present the 2023-24 Annual Report and Service Plan of the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists (ORL). It marks my concluding report as Registrar.

Lobbying, as I have noted many times, is an important facet of our democratic system of government. Lobbying assists government to understand the many constituencies at play in our society and to inform policy and law making. It is of equal importance that citizens understand those influences. That is only possible if the actions of lobbyists are transparent and the main vehicle for that is the BC Lobbyists Registry.

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(see page 8 of the report for the full Registrar's Message)



YEAR IN REVIEW

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INVESTIGATIONS

Compliant: 1

Non-compliant (administrative
penalty imposed): 5

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

2023/24: 1,944

EXEMPTION DECISIONS

New for 2023/24: 1

ACTIVE REGISTRATIONS

Consultant Lobbyists: 243

Consultant Lobbyist Registrations: 692

Organization Registrations: 752

In-House Lobbyists: 3,757

COMPLIANCE REVIEWS

Information confirmed correct: 21

Corrections required: 531

Refuse to investigate (warning email sent
as matter minor or trivial): 850

Led to investigation: 8

Total Reviews: 1,416



SERVICE PLAN

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Service Plan Goal 1

Maintain and improve the Lobbyists Registry



Service Plan Goal 2

Educate lobbyists, public office holders, and the public about the *Lobbyists Transparency Act*



Service Plan Goal 3

Enhance the enforcement function under the *Lobbyists Transparency Act*

SERVICE PLAN



Check out the ORL's Goals, Strategies, and Performance Measures on pages 23-29 of the report.