

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 26, 2012
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT	CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND LOBBYIST REGISTRY UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, this report providing an update on the review of the Code of Conduct for Members of Municipal Council and a lobbyist registry **BE RECEIVED** for information.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Item #24 – Board of Control – December 9, 2009
Item #21 – Finance and Administration Committee – November 10, 2010
Item #12 - Finance and Administration Committee – November 14, 2011
Item #9 – Finance and Administration Committee – January 19, 2011

BACKGROUND

At the September 18, 2012 meeting of Municipal Council, the following resolution was passed with respect to updating the Code of Conduct and establishment of a lobbyist registry:

That the following actions be taken with respect to updating the Council Code of Conduct, providing for voluntary written disclosure of conflicts of interest by Council Members, and establishing a lobbyist registry:

- a) *the City Clerk, in conjunction with the City Solicitor, **BE REQUESTED** to report back to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee, by November 2012, with any changes that may be in order to the City's existing Code of Conduct for Council Members, that is reflective of best practices within the Province of Ontario; and,*
- b) *the City Clerk, in conjunction with the City Solicitor, **BE REQUESTED** to report back to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee with a proposed policy and process to implement a lobbyist registry, including details as to any staff and/or financial resources that may be required to support this initiative;*

it being noted that the Finance and Administrative Services Committee received a Municipal Council resolution from its meeting held on July 24 and 25, 2012 with respect to Council Members voluntarily disclosing conflicts of interest and two communications dated August 13, 2012, from Councillor J.L. Baechler, with respect to the above-noted matters.

The draft report is still in progress and requires further review by legal staff. Once that has been completed, the Senior Leadership Team will review the draft and approve it for submission. It is hoped that the report will be ready for submission to the Finance and Administrative Services Committee in the near future.

PREPARED AND RECOMMENDED BY:
CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK