

Council Workshop

Date: March 3, 2025

Item # 5.1

Re: Response to Notice of Motion:
Lobbyist Registration

Schedule 1 to the Minutes of the
Regular Council for Workshop meeting
held on March 3, 2025.

Lobbyist Registration

Submitted by the City of New Westminster

WHEREAS the Government of BC has recognized the potential impact of lobby activities for its public office holders and introduced the *Lobbyist Transparency Act* to provide the Government of BC legal tools to oversee, monitor and enforce lobbyist activities in pursuit of open, accessible, and accountable government;

WHEREAS unregulated lobbying activities at the local government and regional district level can lead to undue influence from special interest individuals, groups, or organizations and BC municipal governments and regional districts are not afforded the same statutory authority to moderate local lobbyist activities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Government of BC introduce legislative reform that either (i) enables municipalities and regional districts to use the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyist for BC or (ii) enables municipal councils and regional district boards to establish, monitor, and enforce lobbyist activities within their jurisdictions parallel to mechanisms available under the *Lobbyist Transparency Act*.