

**March 16, 2020**

**Update: Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists CANCELLED EVENTS**

**VICTORIA** — Given the growing concerns around COVID-19, the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists (ORL) in collaboration with the Public Affairs Association of Canada (PAAC) has cancelled the April in-person public information sessions about the upcoming changes to lobbying legislation in BC. Both the April 2, 2020, session in Vancouver and the April 23, 2020, session in Victoria are cancelled.

In place of these in-person events, the ORL is hosting two live webcasts on the changes to the *Lobbyists Registration Act*, which come into force May 4, 2020. The webcasts are aimed at informing lobbyists, organizations, and the general public on the new legislation and will provide details on the regulations and the new Lobbyists Registry.

The webcasts are open to the public and include a question and answer period with the Registrar and ORL staff. To link to the webcasts and to pre-register, please visit the ORL's Upcoming Events web page [here](#).

We hope you will be able to take part. In the meantime, we remain committed to making it as easy as possible for lobbyists and the public to understand and comply with the new Act and regulations.

The ORL continues to provide services to the public and lobbyists. To protect the health of our employees and to do our part to slow community transmission of the COVID-19 virus, most ORL staff are now transitioning to working remotely. The Lobbyists Registry continues to be monitored, and ORL staff are available if you have questions. Please contact the ORL at [info@bcorl.ca](mailto:info@bcorl.ca).

Recordings of the webcasts will be posted on our website following their broadcasting.