



Overview: Annual Report & Service Plan 2024/2025

O.R.L.
office of the
registrar
of lobbyists
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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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Now more than ever, transparency in government decision-making is our best hope of upholding the integrity of public institutions.

An accessible and transparent record of who is trying to influence government decision-making helps challenge narratives of special interests having undue influence, or of backroom deals dictating government actions.

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FROM THE REGISTRAR

I am pleased to present the 2024/25 Annual Report and Service Plan of the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists (ORL).

This report marks my first year as the Registrar of Lobbyists for British Columbia. It is my privilege to oversee a lobbying regime that is justifiably the envy of many other jurisdictions at a time when the transparency and accountability it provides are vital to the health of our democracy.

That transparency is achieved every day in our Lobbyists Registry when lobbyists document their attempts to influence government decision-making. It is strengthened every time lobbyists contact us to clarify their responsibilities and through the education and enforcement activities of my office.

(see page 6 of the report for the full Registrar's Message)



YEAR IN REVIEW

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INVESTIGATIONS

New for 2024/25: 9

Non-compliant (administrative
penalty imposed): 5

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

1,760

EXEMPTION DECISIONS

1

ACTIVE REGISTRATIONS

Consultant Lobbyists: 253

Consultant Lobbyist Registrations: 716

In-House Lobbyists: 3,950

Organization Registrations: 784

COMPLIANCE REVIEWS

Information confirmed correct: 12

Corrections required: 748

Refuse to investigate (warning email sent
as matter minor or trivial): 671

Led to investigation: 9

Total Reviews: 1,450



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April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

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 26-33 of the report.



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