

# News Release

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# Strategic plan commits to 'Building trust through transparency'

**VICTORIA** – In his office's newly published strategic plan, BC Registrar of Lobbyists Michael Harvey identified the strategic priorities that will guide the work of the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists through 2027/28.

The plan, *Building trust through transparency*, was developed after internal and external engagement processes that occurred in the first half of 2025, and included eight in-person sessions across seven regions in BC. The two strategic priorities, **Raising awareness**, and **Agile enforcement**, reflect what Registrar Harvey heard during the consultation, and common themes emerging from ORL files.

#### **Awareness**

"It is clear to the ORL through our internal and external engagement that we have a ways to go with increasing awareness of the LTA. While awareness has been growing over the years, it is not uncommon for us to encounter organizations that are not aware of the existence of the LTA, that do not think that they are lobbying, or that do not understand what activities of theirs constitute lobbying," said Registrar Harvey.

The ORL has set three goals under this priority:

- Increase awareness of the ORL and LTA amongst unregistered lobbyists;
- Increase awareness of the ORL and LTA with Public Office Holders; and
- Make information in the Registry more accessible.

### Agile enforcement

An Act that people can understand is one that is easier to comply with and enforce. A Registry that is more straightforward to enter data to is one that provides more accountability. To address this priority, the ORL will focus on improving compliance through simplification, responsive enforcement, and efficient and effective guidance and tailored education.

Full report: Building trust through transparency

https://www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca/handlers/DocumentHandler.ashx?DocumentID=547

**Priorities at a glance:** 

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