

# INFLUENCING BC

## What you need to know

- **Strategic Plan released**
- **Special Committee to Review the Lobbyists Transparency Act**
- **New Lobbyist Transparency Regulation in force April 1, 2026**

## Awareness, straightforward compliance prioritized in strategic plan

Our newly published 2025/26 – 2027/28 Strategic Plan, *Building trust through transparency*, identifies two strategic priorities:

**Raise awareness** of obligations under the *Lobbyists Transparency Act* among lobbyists, public office holders, and the public, including making information on the Registry more accessible.

**Provide agile oversight**, through simplified compliance processes, responsive enforcement, and tailored education.

These priorities emerged from extensive consultations, including eight in-person presentations by Registrar Michael Harvey across seven regions of BC earlier this year.

Read the strategic plan:  
<https://www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca/handlers/DocumentHandler.ashx?DocumentID=547>

## Special Committee to Review the Lobbyists Transparency Act

On July 9, 2025, the Registrar briefed the Committee on the functioning of the Act and the role of the Registrar of Lobbyists in administering the legislation. The ORL's written submission and other meeting documents are on the [Special Committee's website](#).

**Next steps:** The Committee is reviewing submissions from a public consultation process that concluded in September and will invite presentations in coming months. For more information, visit the Committee's website.

## Upcoming Monthly Returns reporting dates:

**November 15 &  
December 15**

## Government changes to regulatory colleges' status as provincial entities coming into force April 1, 2026

### What's the change?

Regulatory colleges established under the *Health Professions and Occupations Act* (HPOA) will be excluded from the definition of "Provincial entity" for the purposes of the LTA. The HPOA will come into force on April 1, 2026, and introduce changes to the governance structure of regulatory colleges.

### How does this impact the LTA and lobbying registrations?

The amendment to the Lobbyists Transparency Regulation will ensure that the Regulatory Colleges continue to be required to report lobbying they conduct with BC public office holders. Lobbying directed at regulatory colleges will not require registration in the Lobbyists Registry.



# Oversight

The ORL has the authority to investigate alleged lobbyist contraventions, such as failing to register or report required information, or reporting the required information late.

ORL investigators review the circumstances of each case, examine the evidence and, if the contravention is substantiated, levy an administrative penalty. The LTA contains a provision for reconsideration of Decisions by the Registrar.

All decisions are listed on the website. Here are recent decisions:

- [Determination Decision 24-03: Paul Rasmussen](#) and [Reconsideration Decision 24-03](#)
- [Determination Decision 25-04: The Truck Loggers Association \(TLA\)](#) and [Reconsideration Decision 25-04](#)
- [Determination Decision 25-06: British Columbia Nurses' Union](#)
- [Determination Decision 25-05: Intuitive Surgical Canada, Inc.](#)
- [Exemption Decision 25-01](#)

## Additional links

### Who's Lobbying Who

Monthly summaries of lobbying activities that organizations and consultant lobbyists have or expect to carry out in BC. Each summary covers all new registrations that were submitted and activated during that particular month. <https://www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca/the-registry/whos-lobbying-who/>

### Reporting dates reminder

If you are paid to lobby BC public office holders, you must register your lobbying activities in the Lobbyists Registry. The *Lobbyists Transparency Act* sets out the requirements for registration. <https://www.lobbyistsregistrar.bc.ca/handlers/DocumentHandler.ashx?DocumentID=438>

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