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Readout

**Annual Conference of the Lobbyists Registrars and Commissioners Network
held in Edmonton, Alberta**

Edmonton, AB— The [Lobbyists Registrars and Commissioners Network](#) (LRCN) met in Edmonton, Alberta from September 23 to September 25. The Lobbying Registrar of Alberta opened the meeting with a recognition that it was being held on Treaty Six Territory, a traditional gathering place for many Indigenous people, including the nêhiyaw/Cree, Dene, Anishinaabe, Nakota Isga, and Niitsitapi/Blackfoot peoples, and the homeland of the Metis Nation (Region 4).

The meeting occurred on the eve of International Right to Know Day, on September 28, a day celebrated in countries around the world and recognized by UNESCO to call attention to the importance of transparency to democracy and good governance. This is particularly fitting because the network highlighted the role that lobbying registries have in the public's right to know who is communicating with public officials and about what.

“Right to Know day is an opportunity to reinforce how transparency contributes to trust in a time of misinformation, disinformation, and growing uncertainty that risks civil society as we know it. Lobbying plays a legitimate and important democratic function in our democracy by assisting legislators and public officials with understanding the society they are charged with governing. Transparency in that function, by shedding light on who is paid to communicate to influence those decisions, strengthens accountability and empowers the public in understanding how our democracy functions,” said BC Registrar Michael Harvey.

Throughout the meeting the members shared updates from their respective jurisdictions and discussed commonalities and lessons learned. The Network recognizes that emerging use of artificial intelligence – from regulatory, registry functionality and administrative perspectives – will require in depth discussions to identify risks and opportunities.

Lobbyisme Québec presented their recent communications campaigns, aimed at raising its visibility and awareness in the public of the existence of its regime, to support the public's trust in lobbying transparency and highlight the challenges resulting from the existing regime's limitations, creating an environment favourable to the evolution of lobbying regulation and a culture of transparency in Québec.

The Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists of British Columbia facilitated a discussion on key metrics and measurement strategies that demonstrate the value and impact of transparency in lobbying. The members agreed to explore a joint project to develop common metrics among the jurisdictions.

Members also shared their perspectives, approaches and lessons learned during reviews of their respective legislation. The discussions highlighted the need to engage in legislative reviews that will lead to enhanced transparency and ethical standards in lobbying.

The network was pleased to welcome Salvator Cusimano from Transparency International Canada who facilitated a conversation on broader questions around lobbying transparency and the role it can play in promoting accountability in Canada's political and economic landscapes. The network thanks Mr. Cusimano for sharing his perspectives.

The members recognized the recent passing of J. David Wake, the former Ontario Integrity Commissioner who made invaluable contributions to the network.

The LRCN will meet again virtually in February 2027. The next in-person meeting will be hosted by British Columbia in December 2027.

The [Lobbyists Registrars and Commissioners Network](#) represents a group of Canadian regulators responsible for enforcing lobbying laws, regulations and policies.

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