



**Council Member Motion**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting of July 11th, 2019**

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**Date:** July 3, 2019

**From:** Councillor J. Loveday

**Subject:** Establishing a Lobbying Regulation System for Municipal Government

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**Background:**

Richmond City Council at its Regular Council meeting held on Monday, June 24, 2019 adopted the following resolution which will be forwarded to UBCM for consideration:

Whereas the BC Lobbyists Registration Act (LRA) requires individuals and organizations who lobby public office holders and meet specific criteria to register their lobbying activities in an online public registry; and

Whereas the goal of the BC Lobbyists Registration Act (LRA) is to promote transparency in lobbying and government decision-making;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that a lobbying regulation system for municipal government, similar to the provincial mechanism under the BC Lobbyists Registration Act, be established.

This resolution from Richmond City Council aligns with the City of Victoria's 2020 Strategic Priority of "Creating a Lobbying Registry".

Therefore, it is recommended that the City of Victoria express support for Richmond City Council's resolution advocating for the creation of a lobbying regulation system for municipal governments.

**Recommendation:**

That Council support the position of Richmond City Council that a lobbying regulation system for municipal government, similar to the provincial mechanism under the BC Lobbyists Registration Act, be established

And that Council request the Mayor write Richmond Council and the Union of BC Municipalities to express the City of Victoria's support for this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Loveday".

Councillor Jeremy Loveday