
Compliance Agreement**Case no. 01-21**

On the 22nd of December, 2021, the Integrity Commissioner of the City of Ottawa entered into a compliance agreement with Mark Monahan, relating to a violation of the Lobbyist Registry By-law 2012-309 (the By-law) and the Lobbyists' Code of Conduct (the Code).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

I, Mark Monahan, of Ottawa, Ontario, Executive Director of the Ottawa Bluesfest, acknowledge the following:

In July and September of 2021, a member of my organization extended invitations and complimentary tickets to several Members of Council. I was a registered lobbyist with active lobbying files at the time these invitations were extended, placing myself in breach of Section 6(3) of the Code:

Section 6 - Improper Influence

3. Lobbyists with active lobbying registrations, their registered clients or their employees shall not, directly or indirectly, offer or provide any gift, benefit or hospitality to Members of Council or their staff.

By failing to ensure that my organization was properly educated on their obligations under the By-law and the Code, I have placed myself in breach of Section 4(1) of the Code:

Section 4 - Information and Confidentiality

1. Lobbyists shall inform their client, employer or organization of the obligations under the Lobbyist Registry By-law and their obligation to adhere to the Lobbyists' Code of Conduct.

On December 08, 2021, I was contacted by the Integrity Commissioner and informed that I was in breach of the By-law and the Code.

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AGREEMENT

I acknowledge and accept responsibility for not complying fully with the terms of the Lobbyist Registry By-law 2012-309 and the Lobbyists' Code of Conduct.

I understand that my acknowledgement of non-compliance does not constitute an admission of intentional wrongdoing.

I am now fully aware of the relevant provisions of the Lobbyist Registry By-law 2012-309 and the Lobbyists' Code of Conduct.

I undertake to comply fully with the provisions of the Lobbyist Registry By-law 2012-309 and the Lobbyists' Code of Conduct in the future, including seeking pre-approval with the Integrity Commissioner before offering gifts, benefits or hospitality to Members of Council while my organization is associated with active lobbying files.

The Integrity Commissioner acknowledges that I fully cooperated with the Commissioner in this matter.

The Integrity Commissioner and I recognize that once this agreement is entered into, the Commissioner will not initiate a formal investigation on this matter, will not impose any sanction or take further action pursuant to the Lobbyist Registry By-law 2012-309, and will consider this matter resolved.

I consent to the publication of this agreement on the Integrity Commissioner's web page on the City of Ottawa web site.

Signed this 22nd day of December, 2021.

Original signed by:

Mark Monahan

Original signed by:

Karen Shepherd

Signature of Lobbyist

Karen Shepherd, Integrity Commissioner

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