

St. Albert Pickleball Club

Board Policies

Advocacy

Lobbying Public Officials

POLICY:

The board of SAPC expects any person lobbying Public Officials on behalf of SAPC to:

- act in a manner that demonstrates respect for democratic institutions, including the duty of public office holders to serve the public interest;
- conduct with integrity and honesty all relations with public office holders and observe the highest professional and ethical standards;
- be open and frank about their lobbying activities;
- disclose the communication is made on behalf of SAPC, and the nature of this person's relationship with SAPC, as well as the reasons for the approach;
- avoid misleading public office holders by taking all reasonable measures to provide them with information that is complete, accurate and factual;
- only use and disclose information received from a public office holder in the manner consistent with the purpose for which it was shared;
- not propose or undertake any action that would place a public office holder in a real or apparent conflict of interest; and
- not provide or promise a gift, favour, or other benefit to a public office holder, which the public office holder is not allowed to accept.

PURPOSE:

Maintain public confidence in the integrity of government decision-making.

CLARIFICATION:

Lobbying public office holders is a legitimate activity.

Lobbying typically encompasses communications with public officials regarding the making, developing or amending of legislative proposals, regulations, policies or programs, or the awarding of government grants, contributions or other financial benefits.

Free and open access to government is an important matter of public interest;

It is desirable that public office holders and the public know who is engaged in lobbying activities.

The trust that Canadians place in public office holders to make decisions in the public interest is vital to a free and democratic society.

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