

FROM/DE: Wellington County Detachment

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ELECTION SIGN TAMPERING

(COUNTY OF WELLINGTON, ON) – A sprouting visual reminder that election season is upon us is the usage and display of election signs and posters. Lawns and public spaces see the colourful foliage of plaques that bare familiar and less familiar names of would-be representatives. The signs that colour the landscape on this quadrennial event are nothing new and to most a friendly reminder of a citizen's right to voice their democratic voice. While most treat and respect a resident's right to support a particular candidate some feel compelled to damage or remove those signs.

The Wellington County OPP has received reports of Tampering with Posted Election Documents and are reminding residents that meddling with election signs in anyway could result in charges under the Criminal Code. **The Canada Elections Act does not apply to municipal elections.**

Wellington County OPP is encouraging residents to report election sign damage and theft by calling 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a tip on-line at www.csgw.tips. You may be eligible for a reward from Crime Stoppers of up to \$2,000.

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