

ELECTION OFFENCES

Local Government Act, S. 151 to 154 and 158,

Media Advertising

Local Government Act Section 152.1 and 158 says that **on general voting day**, a person must not advertise or sponsor advertising, promoting or opposing, directly or indirectly, a particular outcome of the vote, through a newspaper, magazine, radio or television.

No Campaigning At or Near Voting Places (S. 153(4))

• **At all voting locations and on all voting days**, it is an offence for a person to canvas or solicit votes for a particular outcome of the vote or advertise through signs, posters, flyers, flags, bumper stickers or badges **within 100 meters of a voting place where voting proceedings are being conducted**.

• **Vote Buying** (S.151) – A person must not pay, give, lend or procure inducement to persuade a person to vote or refrain from voting.

• **Inducement** includes money, gifts, valuable consideration, refreshment, entertainment, office, placement, employment and any other benefit of any kind.

Restrictions on Activities on Voting Day (S. 110)

• Other than for the purpose of voting, a person must not be present at a voting place while voting proceedings are being conducted.

• To avoid the possibility of a challenge, please assist us by voting and vacating the voting place and immediate voting area for the balance of the voting day.

Penalties

• **In addition to the potential of a fine and imprisonment, a person who contravenes s 151 (vote buying), s. 152 (intimidation) or s. 153 (other election offences) is prohibited from holding an elected local government office or voting in a local government election for up to 6 years.**

Scrutineers

• Scrutineers who are appointed in writing by the Chief Election Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, may attend voting proceedings during the day, the obtaining of the ballot results from the Accu-Vote Voting Machines or be present to follow the results as they are received.

Please contact Lyla Lindsay, Chief Election Officer, at 763-4918 or consult our website at www.regionaldistrict.com for further details.