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BUSINESS ALERT!!

FRAUDULENT FUNDRAISER BY TELEPHONE

RIDEAU VALLEY, APRIL 19, 2011 — Please be aware that a fraudulent person is calling reputable businesses in the Ottawa area soliciting donations of money and services. The abusive, female caller identifies herself as working for the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) or the Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation (RVCF).

This person is **unknown to us and not part** of our local conservation organization.

If you receive such a telephone call, please help us by reporting it to the Ottawa Police Service Call Centre at 613-236-1222 ext 7300 (ongoing investigation Report # 11-108350). Both RVCA and RVCF are working with the Ottawa Police Service to deal with this situation.

Rest assured that the Conservation Foundation is dedicated to protecting donors through its iron-clad commitment to the Ethical Fundraising and Financial Accountability Code of Imagine Canada. They are now in the middle of a fundraising mail campaign but they never do telephone solicitation.

Thanks for your understanding.

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