BUSINESS OWNERS WARNED ABOUT TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS

It has come to our attention that a person or organization holding itself out as the "Manitoba Registry" or the "Manitoba Business Registry" is contacting local companies by telephone. The caller advises that he is in charge of advertising the company's business, and that a fee in the hundreds of dollars is due. Calls may appear to be originating from area code 514.

Business owners are hereby advised that such contacts are <u>not</u> being made by Companies Office of Manitoba or by any other branch of the Manitoba Government. The Companies Office is not involved in advertising for registered companies, and does not solicit funds over the telephone.

Companies receiving such calls are advised to report the matter to their local law enforcement agency.