

Charges laid against snowblowing company

Orléans councillor says calls to his office ranged from no service to questionable business practices

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The Ottawa Police Service Organized Fraud Section has charged Anthony Putinski, 48, own-

er of Tony's Snowblowing, with 17 counts of fraud under \$5,000 and 17 counts of possession of proceeds obtained by crime under \$5,000.

For months, police received numerous com-

plaints regarding the local snow removal company in relation to poor service, lack of service, and questionable business practices.

City councillor Rob Monette (Ward 1 -Orlé-

ans) said his office received numerous calls about Tony's Snowblowing.

"It's a disgrace," said the east end councillor. "It's how a company should not be run."

Monette added he was glad to see some justice served.

"It was very frustrating, especially for senior citizens in our area," he said. "Many of them depend on these kinds of

companies. In this case, the company promised a service and didn't deliver, so people are forced to find someone else, or do it themselves. I am happy they were charged."

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