

Police aren't doing the Town any favours in turning blind eye to sign damage: candidate

By Brock Weir

York Regional Police are turning a blind eye to sign damage, according to Eva Pullano, wife of Council candidate Anthony Pullano.

Mrs. Pullano says she was caught in the middle of a 'scary situation' earlier this month while tending to election signs on the south end of John West Way. According to Mrs. Pullano, while checking up on her husband's signs that were part of a swath damaged in recent vandalism, she says she was driving her husband's car emblazoned with his election material when she was approached by a disturbed person 'coming out of the bushes, running wearing sunglasses and waving his fists in the air.'

'He had with him a laptop with Anthony's website,' she recalls. 'He came right up to my window and I thought he was going to smash it through with his fist. I got really scared and he said, 'I know where you live.' I couldn't believe this was happening.

'I called the police and they came and spoke to me, they spoke to him and Anthony came. We went to the police station, the detective took the report down and was going to do more investigation. I was really scared and [felt] threatened, especially because he knows where I live. We have [our son] Jean-Luc to protect, so I feel I did the right thing calling the police.'

Three cruisers were called to the scene during the incident, which took place on the morning of October 8. Police responded to 'a male party damaging political signs,' according to Constable Laura Nicolle of the York Regional Police.

'With this incident, we were called to that area and responded,' she said. 'We had a suspect initially and that person was spoken to, interviewed, and ultimately no charges were laid because there essentially weren't grounds to charge that individual.' For the Pullanos, however, this response did not go far enough.

'I think [Police] are in a position to ask what they are going to do about this guy because he is unstable,' said Mr. Pullano. 'It is like a useless process. If this man is really unstable, something should be done. The authorities aren't doing the Town of Aurora any favours by just closing an eye and saying he is unstable.'