



TONY ABBOTT

# Most support RCMP, Abbott

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Current questions about illegal operations by the RCMP have "been good for headlines", but Mississauga MP Tony Abbott feels most people are not adverse to some methods used to nip sedition or terrorism in the bud.

"I think most Canadians, and indeed most people in Mississauga, will agree that when it comes to terrorism, sometimes you have to fight fire with fire.

"Most Canadians realize, I think, the RCMP has a very tough job to do.

"And when it is being undercut by a few people, it doesn't do the force any good. And certainly it doesn't do morale any good," he said.

Abbott feels that the current McDonald Commission and the Quebec Police Inquiry are sufficient to uncover those acts which are considered illegal.

"But we must all remember that the work being done is by humans and humans are going to make mistakes."

Abbott said he would agree that in some cases information supplied by the RCMP should be kept secret and should not come under the umbrella of open and complete disclosure.

He added that if another FLQ crisis were to emerge, he feels the government would now be prepared to handle it, a situation that did not exist in 1970.

He said he is concerned about the publicity about illegal break-ins by members of the RCMP because it "has put the government in a bad light and it has done much to tarnish the reputation of the force who really do have a tough job to perform when it comes to national security".