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COUNTY *of* KINGS

Cybersecurity Update from the Municipality of the County of Kings

Aug. 14, 2023

The Municipality of the County of Kings was the victim of a cybersecurity incident on July 10-11, 2023.

Based on the results of an investigation conducted by cybersecurity experts, we believe the initial intrusion occurred on July 10 through the exploitation of a software vulnerability on one of our servers.

The Municipality has learned that sensitive personal information of Municipality of the County of Kings employees and Councillors was likely stolen. Other organizations receiving some pension-related services from the Municipality have also been affected. The Municipality has reached out to those individuals to provide information, support, resources, and next steps.

The names and email addresses of anyone who has corresponded with the Municipality could be included in the information that was taken. The Municipality is asking citizens to be vigilant about emails or phone calls requesting personal information or payment that appear to be on behalf of the Municipality, and to contact the Municipality directly if they receive a request of this nature to verify that the request is legitimate. No payment card information was affected.

Cybersecurity experts were promptly engaged to minimize the impact of the cybersecurity incident, enhance security, and guide the Municipality through the ongoing safe return to full operations. The Municipality remains committed to offering safe and secure electronic services.

Advice for anyone concerned about identity theft or fraud:

- Contact the RCMP if you believe you have been the victim of identity theft, or your information has been misused in a fraudulent manner.
- Sign up for credit monitoring and identity theft protection services.
- Monitor your financial statements for credit cards and bank accounts regularly, and promptly report any unauthorized activity to the associated financial institution.

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