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## **City Blocks Phishing Scam Attempt**

**Lloydminster, AB/SK** – The City of Lloydminster successfully fended off a phishing scam that attempted to defraud City coffers of approximately \$47,000.

“On Monday, September 18, our Finance team recognized the City of Lloydminster had been targeted by a sophisticated phishing scam,” said Doug Rodwell, City Clerk. “Our security procedures and vigilant staff prevented any loss of funds by quickly identifying this attempted fraud.”

The Lloydminster RCMP has been notified of the scam and an investigation is ongoing.

### **What is phishing?**

Phishing email messages, websites, and phone calls are designed to steal money by installing malicious software or stealing personal information. Cybercriminals also use social engineering to convince users to install malicious software or hand over personal information under false pretenses. Phishing scammers may email, phone, or convince victims to download something off of a website.

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