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Introduction

On April 15, 2024, our Hydro Pensioners Association of Ontario – Toronto District held our second Zoom Talk.

Our speaker, Constable Mike Woods of the Peel Region Police, discussed ways for seniors to be smart and *Avoid Fraud and Scams*.

As with the previous *Aging in Place* Zoom talk, our members were invited to register for the event. We had 39 members respond (down from 71 in the first meeting), who were then each sent the Zoom Meeting connection details. We had approximately 29 attendees (down from 45 in the first meeting). Constable Woods requested that the meeting not be recorded, though was agreeable to capturing selected slides that referenced websites that would be suitable resources.

Those slides are captured below.

Discussion

- Constable Mike defined Fraud as theft or deceit.
- He mentioned that scammers are professionals, utilizing excitement or fear as a strategy.
- Mike recommended to search the web for: "YouTube National Geographic scammers".
 He appears to be referencing the National Geographic YouTube channel, specifically videos about Dating Scams (click here).
- Below are selected slides from the Presentation.

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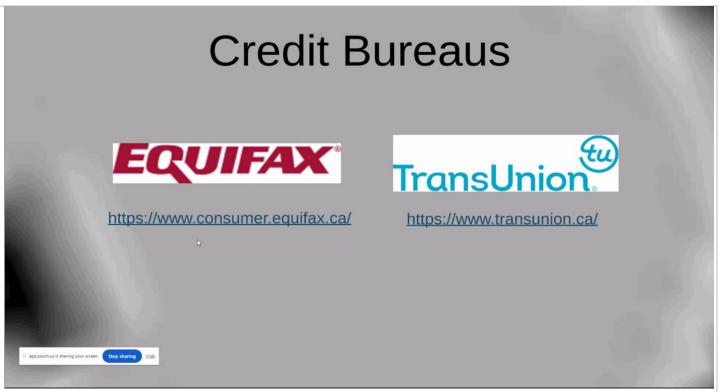


Figure 1 Credit Bureaus. Constable Mike advised to periodically check your credit report, either directly with a credit bureau, or through your bank.

For More Information







- CAFC website
- getcybersafe.gc.ca
- getsmarteraboutmoney.ca



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Figure 3 Peel Region Police - Contact information.

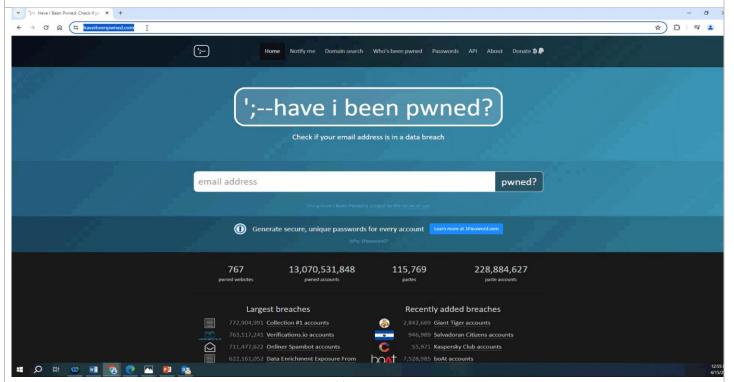


Figure 4 The Have I Been Pwned website at https://haveibeenpwned.com. Constable Mike recommended this website as a place to check if your personal data has been exposed as part of a data breach, in order to identify which accounts should be password changed.

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- Ed Kurak, our webmaster, for creating a new web-based registration form. This was our second event to use this experimental way to register, that we hoped would make the registration process faster and easier for our members. Of 39 members who registered, 37 (95%) chose to use the new web form, up from 87% who registered with the new form for the first Zoom Meeting.
- Marion Wright, for the idea to utilize Zoom's Post-Meeting-Surveys feature to gather feedback about the event. And brainstorming with Julia and Colin to make the Survey happen.
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