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Cyber Security
Where to Begin?

Start with what's simple, affordable, and gets BIG results.

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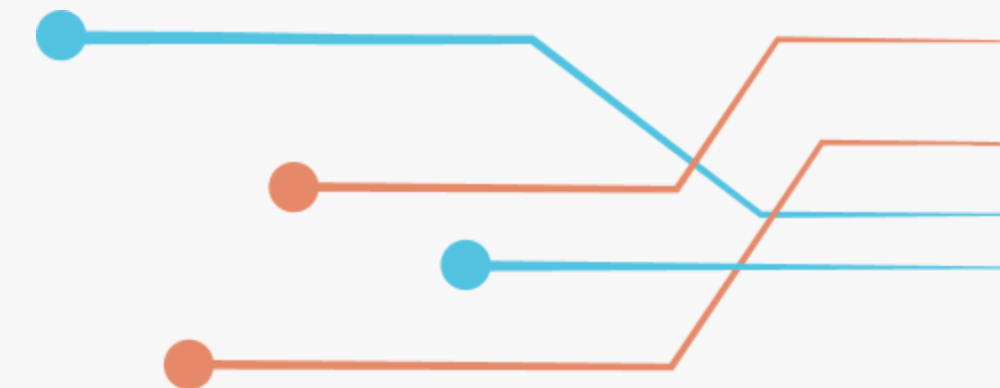
Who We Are

At Ridegell Consulting, cyber security is what we do best. We're an Aboriginal-owned firm that helps small and mid-sized organizations protect what matters most — their data, their people, and their future. Whether it's cyber and tech assessments, driving implementations, or running a managed service, we're here to make sure technology works for you, not against you.

With 50+ years of combined experience, our team knows how to spot risks, strengthen systems, and build real-world solutions that fit your needs — not just check boxes. We're in it for the long haul because when you succeed, so do we.

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Municipalities Are Under Siege

All municipalities are targets for cyber crime. Attackers actively exploit system vulnerabilities whenever and wherever they exist. With their access to valuable data and limited defenses, municipalities are particularly vulnerable to automated and relentless attacks. For example, in 2022, the small town of St Mary's, ON (pop. 7265) was a victim of a cyber attack that cost them $1.3 million in recovery efforts.

The number of cyber attacks reported to the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario from municipal institutions more than <u>doubled</u> in 2023 compared to the previous year. This suggests a significant increase in incidents.

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Vulnerabilities / How do we close them?
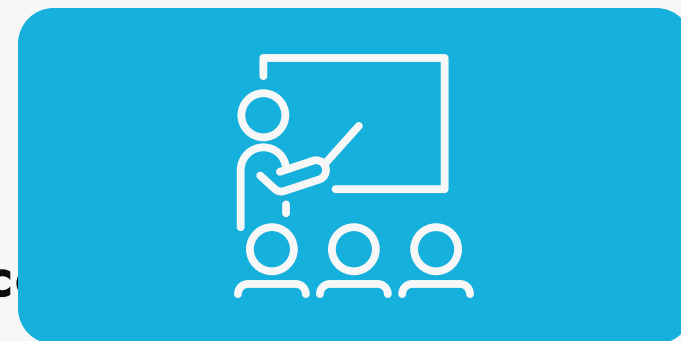
Awareness & Training Gaps
Most staff are unprepared for phishing and ransomware attacks due to insufficient cyber security training.

Training
80% of cyber incidents are due to human error. Enhanced Training is a cost-effective and efficient way to reduce municipal cyber risks, starting at $25 per staff member per year.

Limited Resources
Many municipalities rely on aging IT systems despite increasing digitization.
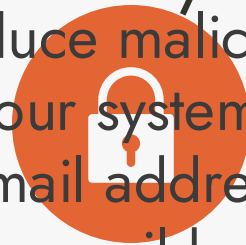
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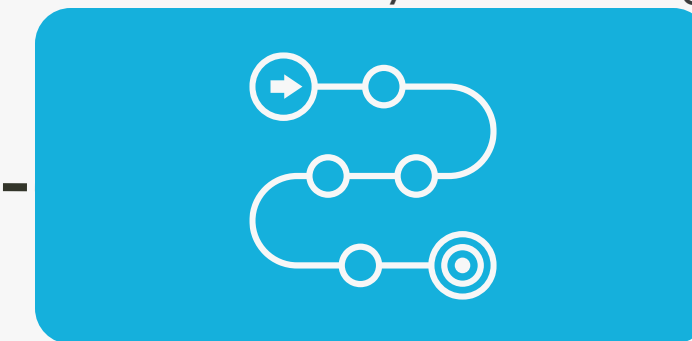Weak encryption and poor storage practices increase the risk of breaches
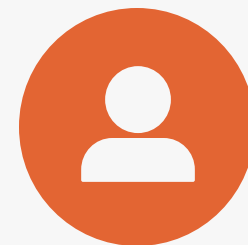
Security Tools
Half of all Canadian Municipalities have faced attacks. Implement tools to reduce malicious emails and protect your systems, starting at $50 per email address per year. Receive a free email health check to see where you stand.

Weak Incident Response
The absence or weakness of established protocols significantly hinders and delays recovery time following a cyber attack.

Roadmap
Define the steps to enhance security and engage a cyber security partner for a fixed-price audit and roadmap strategy

Auditing Gaps
Often, municipalities do not conduct regular cyber security audits, leaving vulnerabilities unaddressed.

Underfunded Security
Over 60% of municipalities allocate less than 5% of their IT budgets to cyber security, severely limiting adoption of modern, robust protection tools.

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Call to Action

Enhancing cyber security strengthens resilience, protects infrastructure, ensures privacy, and enables swift attack responses. Ridegell Consulting can do that.

We optimize costs, strengthen security, and build resilience through assessments, training, and response planning.

You may qualify for a free email health check and PoC. Reach out and ask if you do.

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