



Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson says IT security a key priority for government.

The Mayor of Ottawa says governments must lead by example when it comes to cyber security - securing not just computers but all Internet devices.

OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA, June 22, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Mayor of Canada's capital city says government leaders have an important role to play educating the public about [cyber security](#) and his government is taking the lead by conducting trials of new cyber security solutions via the City's Innovation Pilot Program. This newly launched program undertakes pilot testing of innovative new technologies in a variety of municipal interest areas.

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“In Ottawa, we are continually trying to stay ahead of the curve as it relates to IT security. We are one of the first municipalities in Canada to undertake an Innovation Pilot Program to expose our officials to the latest technology in a

variety of fields that are important to us as a municipality,” said Mayor Jim Watson. “One of the first companies to step forward to pilot with us in IT Security was VoIPshield.”

VoIPshield Systems Inc. is a company that audits and protects Voice-Over-Internet (VoIP) voice networks to ensure they are secure. Together with City IT officials they undertook a pilot trial of their VoIPaudit 4.2 TM product, a leading application for VoIP audit compliance.

At a recent tech day cyber security event at Parliament Hill*, security experts warned the federal government that Canada is facing an unprecedented level of security risk. As more and more devices come online and technologies such as unified communications become more popular, Canadians need to start thinking about securing more than just computers – all mobile devices, including phones and other devices that are connected to the Internet also need to be secured.

“When it comes to privacy, ask yourselves, how often are you disclosing personal or financial information over the telephone?” Rob Gowans, CEO of VoIPshield Systems, asked. “If that phone is connected to the Internet, it is not protected by firewalls that are not configured for [VoIP security](#).”

“Government leaders have an important role to play in educating the public about cyber security”, said Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson. “Ottawa is taking the lead by conducting trials of new cyber security solutions through the City's Innovation Pilot Program. This newly launched program will give the City insight into innovative new technologies, in a variety of municipal interest areas.”

Gowans says having the City's validation will make it much easier for companies like his to sell to government.

“It can sometimes be very difficult to be noticed by large procurement agencies inside government. One of the main challenges is awareness. We have seen RFPs go out for phone systems that do not

have security stipulated as part of the required solution. We think initiatives such as this are vital to raising awareness in government about the need to protect all networks,” said Gowans.

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About VoIPShield Systems Inc:

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*For more information about the story on Canada's Unprecedented Cyber Risk:

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