

Markham Board of Trade Presents: 'AI's Impact on Cybersecurity | What You Need to Know'

National Experts to Discuss the Implications of Artificial Intelligence on Cybersecurity to Navigate Emerging Cyber Threats at a Key Markham Business Event

MARKHAM, ON, CANADA, September 24, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Markham Board of Trade (MBT) in collaboration with Computek College and York University as the Presenting Sponsor, is proud to present its upcoming event, "AI's Impact on Cybersecurity," on Thursday, September 26th, 2024, from 11:30 PM to 2:00 PM at the Toronto Marriott Markham.

Organized by the Markham Board of Trade, with Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti as Honorary Chair and City Councillor Amanda Collucci as Co-Chair, this event will bring together leading national experts to explore how artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the cybersecurity landscape.

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HONORARY CHAIR **Frank Scarpitti** Mayor, City of Markham
CO-CHAIR FOR EVENT **Amanda Collucci** Markham Ward 6 Councillor Vice-Chair Economic Development & Culture

Dr. Arash Habibi Lashkari Professor | Canada Research Chair in Cybersecurity, York University
Douglas MacRae Technical Investigations Unit, York Regional Police
Kathleen McDonell Canadian Director, ESET Digital Security
Rocco Galletto Partner, National Cyber Security Leader, BDO Canada
Rob Philpotts Canadian Director, Threat Management & Response, BDO Canada
Paul Teitelman BDO Canada Partner, Business Assurance MODERATOR

Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Honorary Chair for Event with Co-Chair Markham Councillor Amanda Yeung Collucci and Panel Speakers

[Title Sponsor Computek College](#), a long-standing Ontario career college, delivers industry-informed training for newcomers and internationally trained professionals to become employed in the healthcare, business, and technology sectors. Computek's Markham campus has been training students in and around the city for 15 years, including offering its cybersecurity training program for nearly five years. Computek has also successfully collaborated across sectors, including with local governments and non-profits, to develop and deliver innovative training and employment interventions to address labour market gaps, particularly in Southern Ontario.

[Presenting Sponsor York University](#) is a driving force in learning, innovation, and community engagement, while shaping the future of digital and cybersecurity. York's new Markham Campus, located in Markham's thriving technology and innovation corridor, is a testament to that vision. This September, at York University Markham, the first cohort of public university students in York Region celebrated their inaugural day of classes, marking an exciting milestone for the region's educational and economic advancement.

As cyber threats evolve, becoming more sophisticated and harder to detect, the implications of AI accelerating cybersecurity threats is an essential element for businesses and organizations to understand. This event will provide valuable insights into the rapidly evolving role AI presents in cybersecurity.

Featured Speakers:

1. Kathleen McDonell, Canadian Director, ESET Digital Security
Kathleen McDonell brings over 20 years of experience in digital security and technology solutions. As Director of ESET Digital Security for Canada, she leads strategies in digital transformation and cybersecurity across various sectors, including education, government, and healthcare.

2. Rocco Galletto, Partner, National Cyber Leader, BDO Canada

Rocco Galletto is a cybersecurity visionary with over 25 years of experience, currently serving as the National Cyber Leader at BDO Canada. He has successfully transformed security programs

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ARASH HABIBI LASHKARI

CANADA RESEARCH
CHAIR IN CYBERSECURITY
& ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



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York University | Dr. Arash Habibi Lashkari

for Canada's largest retailers, public sector entities, and financial institutions, building and leading elite Cyber Defense teams to protect critical assets

3. Douglas MacRae, Technical Investigations Unit, York Regional Police

Detective Constable Douglas MacRae, a member of the York Regional Police for 17 years, specializes in cybercrime investigations. His experience in law enforcement and technical investigations offers a unique perspective on cybersecurity challenges.

4. Rob Philpotts, Director, Threat Management & Response, BDO Canada

A former Army Signals officer, Rob Philpotts led signals intelligence operations in the Canadian intelligence fusion centre in Afghanistan. His projects integrated people, processes and technology across teams, nations, and alliances. Within the military Rob established feasible tactical, operational, and strategic interoperability models within NORAD and NATO.

5. Dr. Arash Habibi Lashkari, Professor, Canada Research Chair in Cybersecurity, York University

Dr. Lashkari is the founder and Director of the Behaviour-Centric Cybersecurity Center (BCCC) at York University. He is a renowned cybersecurity expert with over 25 years of cyberthreat detection, analysis and research. As a senior member of IEEE, he has been recognized as one of Canada's Top 150

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Meet Our Panelist

**DOUGLAS
MACRAE**

DETECTIVE CONSTABLE,
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YORK REGIONAL POLICE

The poster features a black background with a pink and blue geometric design. At the top left, a pink banner contains the hashtag #AI's Impact. To the right, the Markham Board of Trade logo is visible. The main title is in large, bold, pink and white text. Below the title, the text 'WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW' is written in white. A pink banner introduces the panelist, followed by the name 'DOUGLAS MACRAE' in large white letters. To the right is the York Regional Police crest, which includes a crown and a shield with various symbols. Below the crest, the text 'DETECTIVE CONSTABLE, TECHNICAL INVASIONS UNIT, YORK REGIONAL POLICE' is written in white.

York Regional Police Technical Invasions Unit

PANELISTS

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The panelists section is set against a blue and purple background with a large, vertical 'PANELISTS' text on the left. It features four circular headshots of the speakers and moderator. Each headshot is accompanied by the person's name in bold black text and their title in smaller black text below it.

Panel Speakers & Moderator: Kathleen McDonnell | Rocco Galletto | Rob Philpotts | Paul Teitelman

Researchers (2017), and recipient of 15 international computer security competition awards.

6. Paul Teitelman, Partner, BDO Canada

Paul Teitelman, a Partner at BDO Canada, has extensive experience helping organizations tackle complex challenges. His expertise in regulatory standards and business assurance positions him as a thought leader in business resilience.

"AI's Impact on Cybersecurity | What You Need to Know" will offer professionals the chance to hear from national industry leaders about rapidly evolving AI-driven cyber threats and the urgent need to stay ahead of the curve. Seats are limited, so make sure you secure yours today. To learn more and register, please visit the Markham Board of Trade website at www.markhamboard.com.

About the Markham Board of Trade:

The Markham Board of Trade is a non-profit organization that represents the interests of businesses in Markham, and the surrounding areas. It provides a platform for networking, advocacy, and business support, helping local businesses thrive, and contribute to the economic growth of the community.

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