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**SOLD OUT CYBERSECURITY FORUM PRESENTED BY  
INVESTSTRATFORD in PARTNERSHIP WITH ROGERS  
RYERSON CYBERSECURE CATALYST**

*Sold Out Cybersecurity Forum Discussed Risks and Strategies for Municipalities*

Stratford ON – November 14, 2019 **On November 13, the City of Stratford, investStratford and the Ryerson Cybersecure Catalyst partnered to present a sold out, one-day forum for Ontario Municipalities and industries to discuss cyber risks and potential strategies.** Mayor Dan Mathieson opened the Forum with special remarks that welcomed a critical discussion of cyber threats to Ontario Municipalities and their institutions stating “*the biggest mistake you can make is thinking you are not at risk. Everyone is at risk.*” Catalyst Executive Director Charles Finley, Minister Lisa Thompson, and leaders of municipalities from all over Ontario were in attendance.

**City of Stratford Mayor Dan Mathieson** stated “*This is an important discussion and I am pleased Stratford has been asked to sit at the table. The City of Stratford is one of several municipalities who have recently fallen victim to ransomware attacks but I believe we can use this to our advantage. I am extremely motivated to assist our governments, both provincial and federal in forming data strategies that both protect and inform its citizens and municipalities.*”

**Joani Gerber, CEO of investStratford** stated “*Stratford has invested heavily in its digital infrastructure and therefore has skin in the game. I’m looking forward to building a strategy that protects, develops and supports economic growth in all our industries.*”

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