

## Beware, increase in local bank scams

Dear editor:

In the last couple of weeks we have seen a huge increase in the amount of fraud against our Shelburne residents.

From large cheques from 'so called' reputable companies that award large prize winnings, to obtaining just enough information on the phone to gain full access to all bank accounts and credit available to clients. This also could originate from e-mail requests and when the email links are opened they scammers tap into your computer's information.

This is a reminder for everyone, do not provide any information to anyone that you cannot identify yourself. If you receive a cheque in the mail with the 'ask' to resend a portion of the money back, in order to receive a larger amount of money, it is a scam. No one asks for money to give you money! If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Immediately, contact your local bank branch or the police concerning the validity of the inquiry.

In the event you feel you may have given information you shouldn't have or have responded to an email or letter, contact your bank immediately so they can help protect you.

We have been fortunate enough in this last week to have assisted multiple clients in stopping fraudsters from taking tens of thousands of their hard earned money. These people are aggressive and relentless, with absolutely no regard for the well being or financial wellness of the person on the other end of the phone.

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