Thursday September 8th at 1pm
Summerlee Science Complex, Room 1303

Cloud Security – The Good, the Bad, and the Exciting

Abstract: Andrew will provide the perspective of a security practitioner who has been tackling the security of cloud computing for several years. He will discuss the good – the inherent benefits of cloud computing that make it easier to secure the environment than legacy architectures. He will discuss the bad – the security risks of cloud computing, both real and perceived. And he will discuss the exciting – the fundamental shifts in security strategy and architecture that accompany cloud computing and may finally provider defenders with an advantage in their battle with threat actors.

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Speaker Bio: Andrew Vezina is the CISO of Equitable Bank. He spends much of his time discovering how to build high performing security programs – a journey that is currently focused on continual learning and improvement, organizational dynamics, security control automation to unfetter development teams, and risk quantification to support strategic decision-making. He is also interested in innovation, digital transformation, and digital-enabled business models – all important concepts for Equitable Bank, Canada's Challenger Bank. Prior to joining EQB in 2020, Andrew spent 10+ years working in information security leadership roles at BMO and CIBC, plus several years working in privacy and security roles in healthcare, retail, and government sectors. Andrew started his career as a software developer designing and building workflow systems.