### **Budgeting 101**

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### Top Reasons We See for Financial Trouble

- 1. Unemployment / Underemployment
- 2. Excessive use of Credit or Using Credit for Living Expenses
- 3. Injury / Illness
- 4. No Budget / Lack of Financial Education
- 5. Separation / Divorce and Family Expenses
- 6. Failed Business/Used Credit for Business Expenses
- 7. High Housing Costs



### Agenda



- Money Values
- Goal Setting
- Budgeting Basics
  - Making a Budget
  - Expense Tracking
  - Paycheque Planning



### Objectives



### By the end of this session, you will be able to:

- Describe your money values & goals
- Explain how tracking helps you budget successfully
- Create a budget for all your expenses
- Describe 2 ways to keep your savings safe from yourself



### What do you want to get out of being better with your money?



### What's in it for us?



- Reduce stress
- Sleep better
- Have control of our money
- Hope



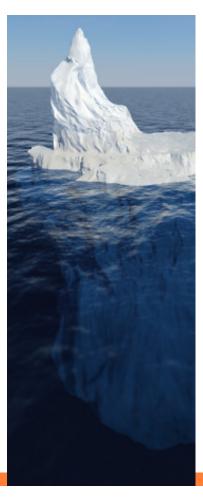
### **Money Values**



## What does money mean to you?



### Money Values



#### **Common money values:**

- Safety and security
- Freedom
- Choices
- Ability to give back (charity)
- Comfort
- Adventure



### Setting Goals



Goals will guide your decisions and help you determine how to spend your money.

- Short term: 6 12 months
- Medium term: 3 5 years
- Long term: 10 15 + years

Break your goals down into realistic amounts, according to your pay cycle.



### Set SMART Goals



**Set SMART goals for the choices** you make! **S**pecific **M**easurable **A**chievable Relevant Timed CREDIT ELLING

### Set SMART Goals



#### **Goal setting in action:**

My goal is \_\_\_\_\_

I want to achieve it \_\_\_\_\_

The total cost of my goal is \$\_\_\_\_\_

I will set aside \$\_\_\_\_ / pay to achieve this goal.



### Set SMART Goals



#### **Goal setting in action:**

My goal is to go on a vacation.

I want to achieve it in one year.

The total cost of my goal is \$1000.

I will set aside \$39 / bi-weekly pay to achieve this goal.



### **Goal Setting Tips**



Set clear goals – life happens so they may change over time, and that's ok

- Pay yourself FIRST!
  - Make saving automatic
- Use separate accounts for each goal
  - But watch for fees



### **Budget Basics**



### What comes to mind when you hear the word "budget"?



### **Budget Basics**



### What is a Budget?



A written spending plan – spending now and saving to spend later.

It's based on our own choices and priorities.



### CCS Excel Budget Calculator



Download the free budget calculator from our website!

www.mymoneycoach.ca

- Detailed list of expenses
- Does the math for you!
- Save to your computer for updating and review



### A Budget Includes:



- Our take-home (net) pay
- Our monthly living expenses
- Money to be put aside for
  - Irregular expenses
  - Emergency expenses
  - Savings goals



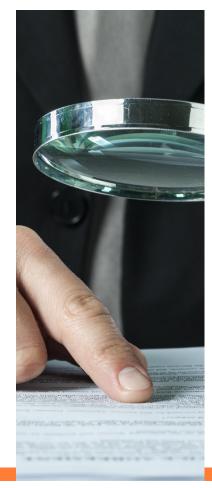
### **Expense Tracking**



# Who has tracked their expenses?



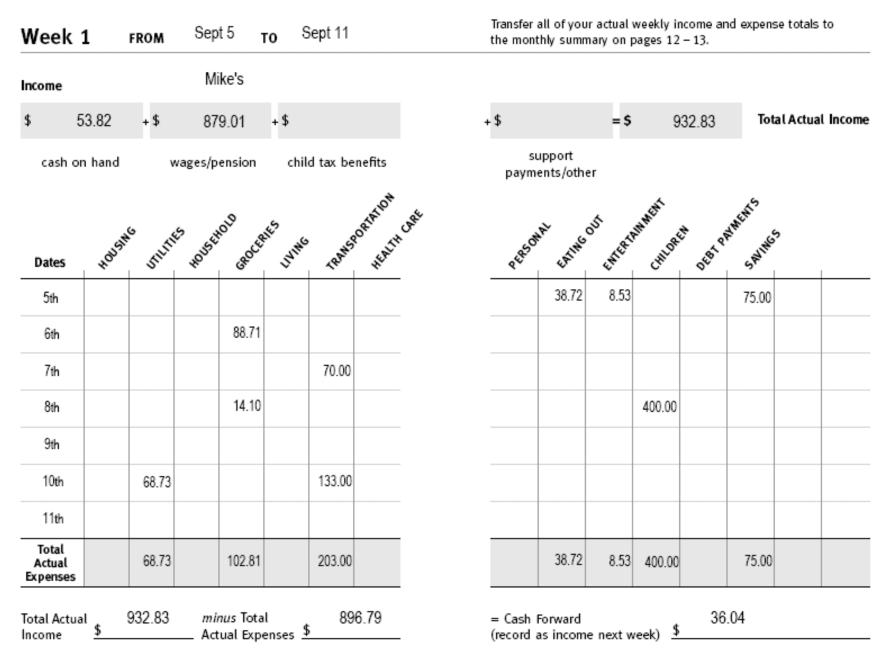
### **Expense Tracking**



Tracking makes a budget work!

- It tells us the truth
- It shows our habits
- It shows where we can make changes
- It gets us in control





### Ways to Track Expenses



- Pencil & paper
- CCS tracking booklet
- Spreadsheet or other software
- Envelopes for receipts
- Smartphone app
  - Start with a few categories

Find the system that works for you!



### Irregular Expenses

### What are some expenses that occur once in a while?





### Irregular Expenses

	Housing	Living	Work	Personal
	Property taxes	Car insurance	Special clothing	Clothing/shoes
	City utilities	Auto maintenance	Work supplies	Education
	Repairs & maintenance	Annual memberships	Licenses or professional fees	Holidays/ birthdays
	Household items	Dentist/ Optometrist		Hair care/salon services
	Appliances	Pet bills		Hobbies
		Prescriptions		



### Managing Irregular Expenses



#### Create a plan to deal with them!

- 1. Open up a new bank account
- 2. Add up the cost of every irregular expense for a whole year
- 3. Divide by your number paydays
- 4. Deposit this amount into the new account with each payday
- 5. Track the "ins" and "outs"



### Saving for Irregular Expenses



#### **Example:**

- Annual irregular expenses: \$2400
- Monthly deposit: \$200/month
- Biweekly deposit: \$93/pay



### Emergencies

### What are some emergency expenses you've encountered?





### Emergencies



#### **Emergencies happen!**

- We just don't know when, what, or how much they will cost us!
- An emergency fund will turn most emergencies into *inconveniences*.
- Short-term: aim for \$1000
- Long-term: 3-6 months' expenses



### Manage our Savings

### How can we keep our savings safe from ourselves?





### Manage our Savings



#### Some ideas:

- Remove ATM/debit access to savings
- Joint account
- Automatic transfers
- Go into the branch to withdraw cash



### 52 Week Money Challenge

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Week	Deposit	Balance	Week	Deposit	Balance	Week	Deposit	Balance
1	\$1	\$1	18	\$18	\$171	35	\$35	\$630
2	\$2	\$3	19	\$19	\$190	36	\$36	\$666
3	\$3	\$6	20	\$20	\$210	37	\$37	\$703
4	\$4	\$10	21	\$21	\$231	38	\$38	\$741
5	\$5	\$15	22	\$22	\$253	39	\$39	\$780
6	\$6	\$21	23	\$23	\$276	40	\$40	\$820
7	\$7	\$28	24	\$24	\$300	41	\$41	\$861
8	\$8	\$36	25	\$25	\$325	42	\$42	\$903
9	\$9	\$45	26	\$26	\$351	43	\$43	\$946
10	\$10	\$55	27	\$27	\$378	44	\$44	\$990
11	\$11	\$66	28	\$28	\$406	45	\$45	\$1,035
12	\$12	\$78	29	\$29	\$435	46	\$46	\$1,081
13	\$13	\$91	30	\$30	\$465	47	\$47	\$1,128
14	\$14	\$105	31	\$31	\$496	48	\$48	\$1,176
15	\$15	\$120	32	\$32	\$528	49	\$49	\$1,225
16	\$16	\$136	33	\$33	\$561	50	\$50	\$1,275
17	\$17	\$153	34	\$34	\$595	51	\$51	\$1,326
						52	\$52	\$1,378



### How to Build Savings



### If you receive a lump sum of money, use the 40-40-20 rule:

- 40% goes into savings
- 40% goes to repay debt
- 20% is for fun!



### Put Your Plan into Action



ONLINE Banking

Security code:

Login: Password:



### Paycheque Plans



A plan for what we will spend, and when we will spend

Match spending to when income arrives

Avoid non-sufficient funds (NSF) charges!



### Paycheque Plans



We all have 3 kinds of expenses:

- Fixed expenses
  - Same date & amount each month
- Variable expenses
  - Regular but amounts & dates change
- Savings expenses
  - Irregular, emergency, goal savings

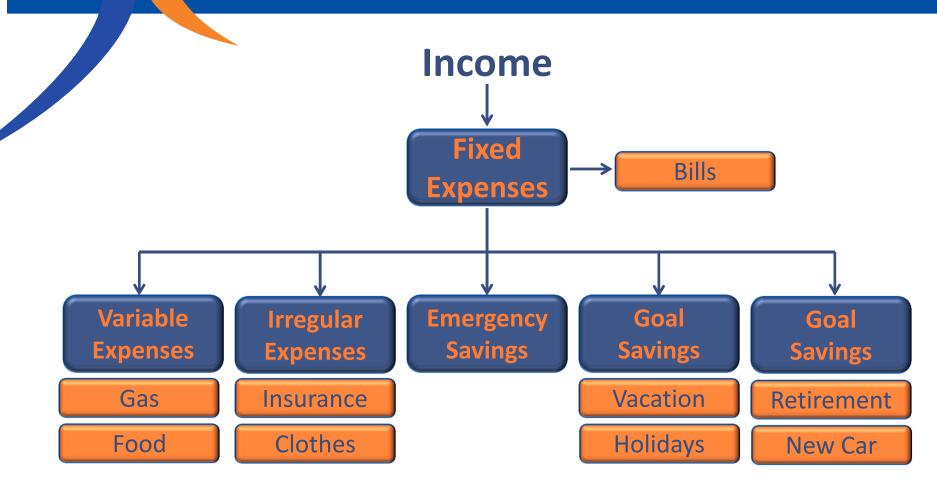


### Example Budget: \$1982 Net Income

	Fixed Expenses	Cost	Variable Expenses	Cost	Savings Expenses	Savings Type	Cost
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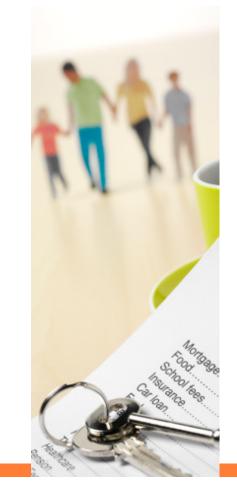


### **Organize Your Money**





### Next Steps



- 1. Write your budget down
- 2. Start tracking your expenses
- 3. Add up irregular expenses and open a new savings account
- 4. Build savings even \$10 counts!
- 5. Track and check how you're doing



### Conclusion



#### Now you are able to:

- Describe your money values & goals
- Explain how tracking helps you budget successfully
- Create a budget for all your expenses
- Describe 2 ways to keep your savings safe from yourself



### Money Tips



- Write down your goals and keep them visible
- A budget without expense tracking isn't a budget, it's a wish list!
- Pay yourself first and make savings automatic
- Use multiple bank accounts (free) to make budgeting easier

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