# The Face of Change

**Resilience after Forestry Mill Closure** 



# Chronology

- 1997 Repap goes into receivership
- 2001 Gates locked
  - 600 workers lose direct jobs in P.R.
  - Secured creditors put assets up for sale
- 2006 Acquired by Chinese Co.
- 2008 Tax Sale
- 2009 2013 Multiple court appearances
- 2015 Dismantlement begins

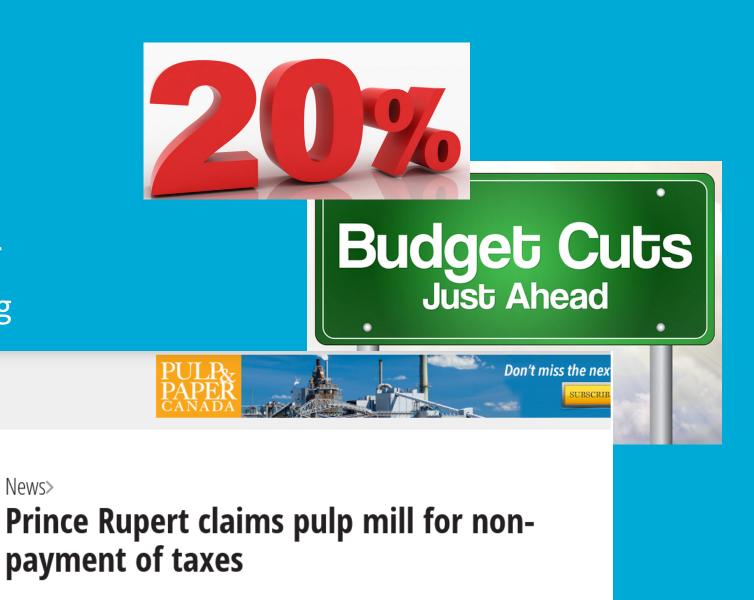
### Cascading effects of loss

- Population decline
  - 16,700 in 1996 -> 12,800 in 2006
- Economic Impacts
  - Businesses closed
  - Housing market declined
- Social Impacts
  - Families moved
  - Schools closed
  - Youth and Adult sports affected
  - Service clubs and church membership reduced



# **City Implications**

- Loss of largest taxpayer
- Curtailment of spending
- Cutting of services
- Tax sale



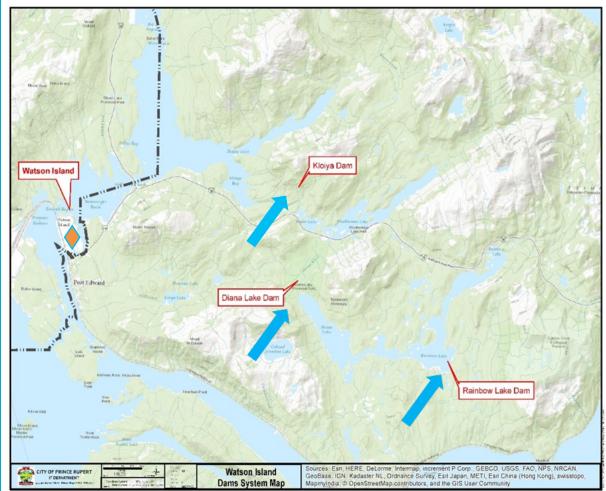
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# After the Tax Sale – Self Assessment

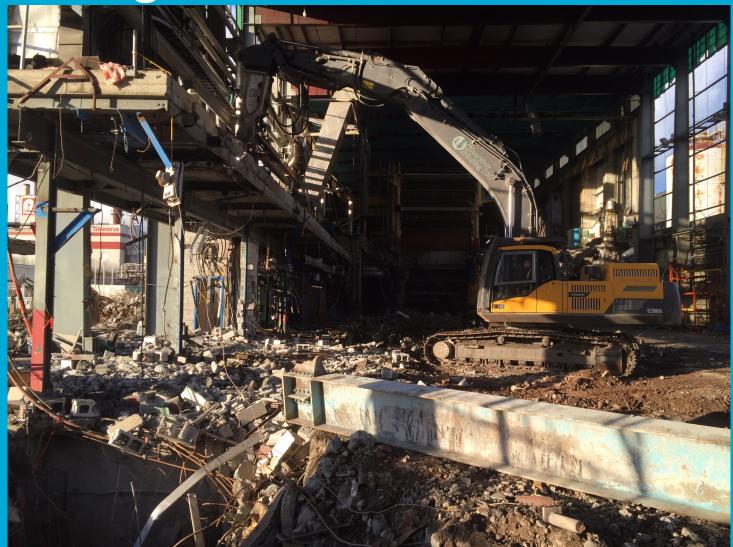
- 3 High Risk Dams
- 10 km Water Line
- >15 million Litres Liquors
- 2.2 Million m3 Hog Fuel
- Marine Warf
- 2 industrial landills





#### After the Settlement Agreement

- National RFP
- Demolition
- Recycle scrap & processing materials



#### Partnership with MOE

- Unique approach to brownfield site
- Approval In Principle (AiP)
- Jigsaw remediation driven by proponents



# A New Beginning

- Recognize our strengths
  - Geographic Advantage
  - Holy Trinity of Trade
  - Pivot
  - Rebrand





#### • Loss of mill meant 20 year recession

- Reassess
  - Keep control to have a say
  - Diversify portfolio key to future resilience
  - Look for value added opportunities to change economic model
  - Optimize partnerships



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