

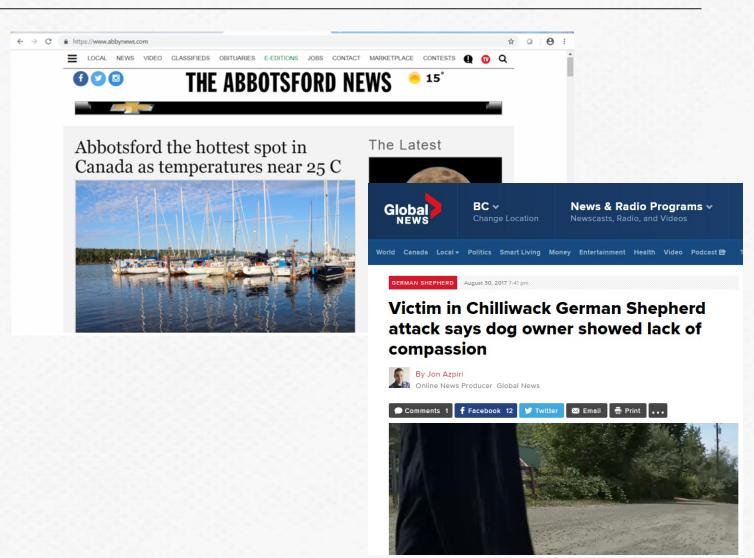
CEO/CAO FORUM

Integrated Communication Strategy

Vice Chair Patricia Ross and Paul Gipps, CAO

INFLUENCES CHANGING NEWS CYCLES

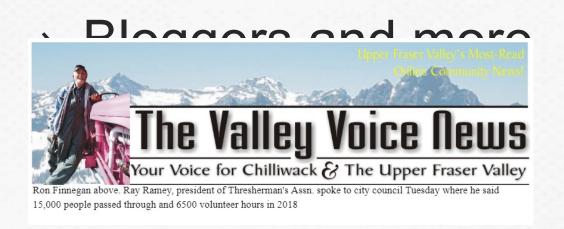
- Traditional Media
 - Minute-by-Minute instead of Daily or Weekly
- Print, Broadcast, and now Online

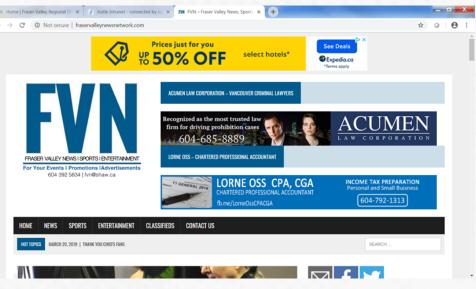


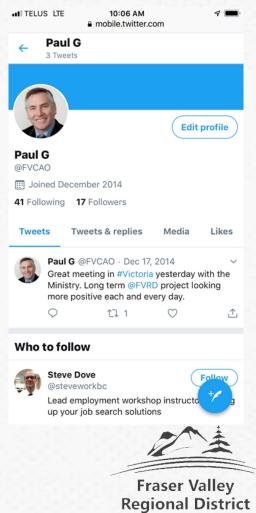
INFLUENCES

- Social Media
 - > Facebook/Twitter/ Instagram

Non-traditional media

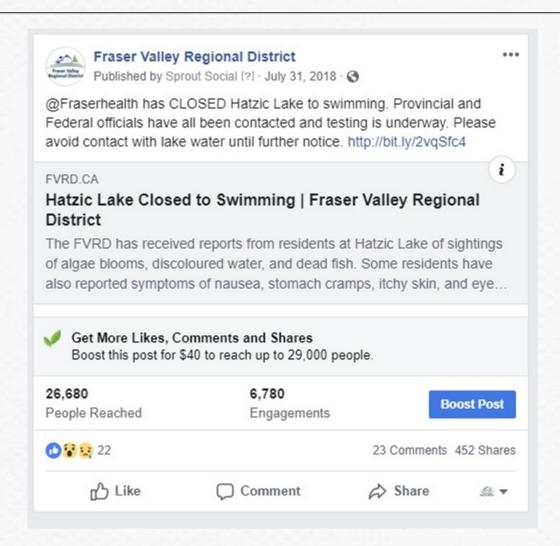






TYPICAL CHALLENGE







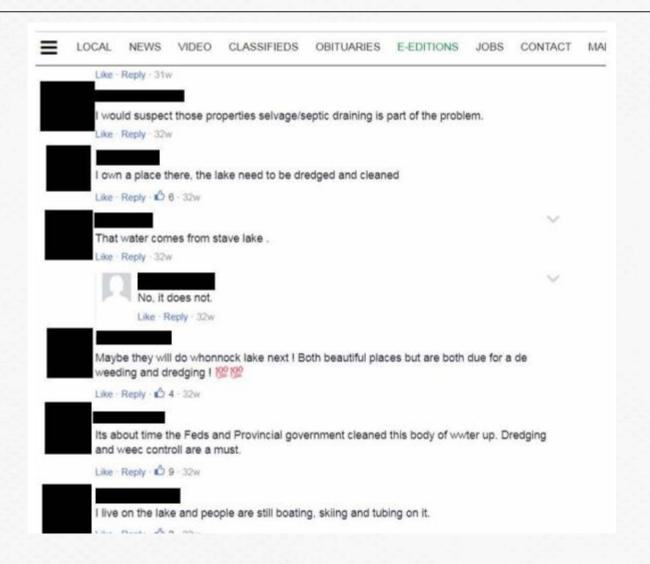
CHALLENGES GROW



Concerns are growing over the health of a popular Fraser Valley Lake

Hatzic lake was closed to swimming late last month after a number of swimmers got

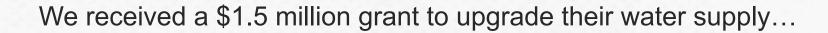








OUR STORY ON WHAT CAN GO WRONG





COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Aquifer protection
- Global Warming
- Stream impacts
- Timing
- Community awareness
- etc



Fraser Valley Regional District

OUR SOLUTION

- Invite everyone to a public information meeting
- Send our Engineers and technical team
- Invite the Province Regulators



NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Dear Residents:

The Fraser Valley Regional District is conducting a Public Information meeting regarding the expansion of the Hatzic Prairie Water System.

The Public Information Meeting will be held on:

Thursday, January 11, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Location: McConnell Creek Hall

35483 Hartley Road

Mission, BC

We encourage you to attend this meeting and look forward to your participation. Questions with respect to this Public Information Meeting may be directed to:

Sterling Chan

Manager of Engineering & Infrastructure

Fraser Valley Regional District

604-702-5039 schan@fvrd.ca



WHAT HAPPENED

- Community had more questions after the meeting then before the meeting
- Loss of credibility
- Project delayed
- Provincial staff overwhelmed by complaints
- Reputation and credibility was tarnished



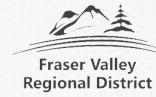
WHAT HAPPENED



Election Results: Changes in Electoral Areas are coming!

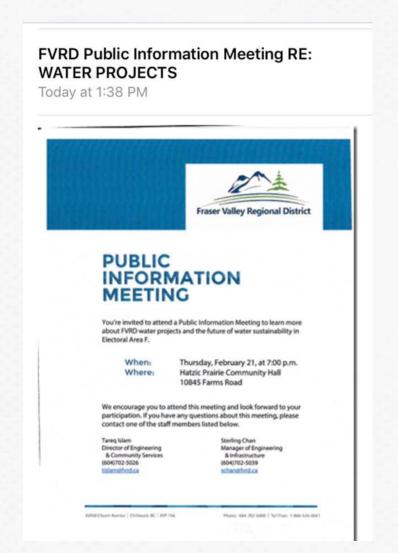
October 22, 2018

Long-time incumbent Director ousted by new candidate in one of FVRD's Electoral Areas



WHERE ARE WE NOW

- 5 months into the new mandate we are still talking about water only in that electoral area
- We had another community meeting after engaging our communications people
- We came to listen and we were prepared to give straight and clear answers (coaching)
- Technical staff were in attendance for support only
- Cost "putting the cat mostly back in the bag" \$35K staff time. Loss of production reputation \$???





A NEW BEGINNING

- Integrating Communications in all our departments.
- Projects at inception are discussed
- Water
- Sewer
- Recreation
- Parks
- Animal Control
- Bylaw
- Planning



A NEW BEGINNING CONT'D

- Comms staff meet with staff prior to budget and review work plan.
- Identify areas that they offer support
- Meet with staff at monthly meetings
- Offer engagement and communications coaching
- Jointly identify potential community issues
- Proactive engagement
- Proactive communication



NEXT STEPS

- Developing an engagement strategy
- Place where the community can engage us directly
- Creating an environment where the community and the organization feel comfortable about connecting
- Evolve the strategy into normal operating processes



HOW TO GET STARTED

- We brought in a consultant to kick start our plan and used the resources we have.
- A strategy should be designed for your specific needs and can be very affordable



QUESTIONS



