# **Today's News** Online

# **PURPOSE**

To provide comprehensive media monitoring and analytic services - including print, broadcast and internet monitoring - to the government of BC 19 hours a day, 365 days a year. Social media to be added in 2011/12.

# DESCRIPTION

Through its secure and interactive website, Today's News Online (TNO) provides rapid access to news as it happens, via text, audio and video media files, in a searchable database of national and provincial media. Uses range from issue management to event analysis to historical research. Access is available to everyone in the provincial government.

Employees can also receive indirect access to TNO. GCPE staff, assemble ministry-specific summaries from TNO content then e-mail those summaries in both Blackberry and desktop friendly formats.

# **KEY SERVICES**

- Alerts emailed to clients as issues are reported on includes tonal colour coding
- · Blackberry access to all print and audio/video content on TNO
- Transcripts of all scrums and media availabilities with ministers as well as key TNO audio/video content
- Morning e-mails of top print stories with colour coding to indicate tone
- Ministry-specific media summaries generated daily
- Daily production and distribution of Today's News
- Analysis tools to graphically display media analytics including tone, reach and earned media values
- Online media archive ranging back to 1993
- Continual monitoring of news wires and online content
- Twitter monitoring of key media players
- Next-day DVD request service for clients
- Special request monitoring and analysis for province-wide events
- Training and 24/7 support for clients
- Managing, supporting and staffing both the Legislature press theatre and the west annex scrum area

## **KEY FIGURES**

- Currently TNO has 349 Direct Users and 2,128 Indirect Users
- Five full-time, 12 part-time staff
- 11 television stations monitored daily
- 87 online sources monitored daily
- 33 Twitter feeds
- 10 daily and 84 weekly print sources monitored daily
- 90% of respondents in the Summer 2011 survey indicated TNO "is key to their job success"

## REVENUE

- \$716,132 in fiscal 2010/2011
- \$746,005 in fiscal 2009/2010

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## **CLIENT RATES**

- Direct Access to TNO costs \$4,000 per year per employee
- Indirect Access to TNO costs \$200 per year per employee

#### **KEY SUPPLIERS & AGREEMENTS**

- Canadian Broadcast Rights Association (\$89,367)
- Infomart (\$487,831 annually)
- Globe & Mail (\$46,746 annually)
- Black Press (\$50,000 annually)
- Command News (181,752 annually)
- Aktiv Software (\$65,000 annually)
- Infomart (\$46,000 annually)

# STAFFING

TAFFING	Laurie Granberg – online edit <sup>S22</sup>
Scott Ryckman – manager – S22	Robin Miller – online editor – S22
Pavan Bajwa – manager – S21	Brian Decker – online editor – S22
Lawrence Ormerod – sr. editor – S22	Olivia Scott – online editor – S22
Terry Hanak – sr. editor – S22	Kathy Cloutier – online editor – S22
Tara Wells – online editor – S22	Rebecca Knapman – online editor – S22
Rod Neufeld – online editor – S22	Stephanie Ratcliffe – transcr S22
Peter Tolman – online editor – S22	Mia Shinbrot – transcriber – S22
Colleen Grisham – online editor – S22	Janet Rogers – transcriber – S22

## **OUTSTANDING ISSUES**

- Awaiting release of T&T money to execute promised 2011/12 social media upgrade
- Awaiting release of T&T money to execute needed upgrade to the press theatre

#### **OUTSTANDING HR ISSUES**

• Pavan Bajwa splitting time between TNO & Online Communications

## **ONGOING PROCESSES**

Moving final four TNO editors still operating on PCs to Macs. (Feb 1/12 completion)

## **RECENT MONITORING DECISIONS**

- CTV News at Noon 5 additional hours of monitoring each week October 31, 2011 (ADDED)
- CTV Morning Live 15 additional hours of monitoring each week November 14, 2011 (ADDED)
- CBTK Radio West 15 additional hours of monitoring each week October 10, 2011 (OMITTED)

## SOURCES

#### **Daily Papers**

Vancouver Sun (Vancouver) The Province (Vancouver) Victoria Times Colonist (Victoria) Globe and Mail (National) Kamloops Daily News (Kamloops) Kelowna Daily News (Kamloops) National Post (National) Nanaimo Daily News (Nanaimo) Prince George Citizen (Prince George) Trail Times (Trail)

## TV

Global BC (Vancouver) CTV BC (Vancouver) CBC (Vancouver) CTV Two (Victoria) CFJC (Kamloops)

# **Regional Print**

#### Lower Mainland

Abbotsford News Abbotsford Times Agassiz Harrison Observer Aldergrove Star Bowen Island Undercurrent Burnaby News Leader Burnaby Now Chilliwack Now Chilliwack Now Chilliwack Progress Cloverdale Reporter Delta Optimist Hope Standard Langley Advance Langley Times Maple Ridge News

#### **BC Interior**

100 Mile House Free Press Arrow Lakes News Ashcroft Cache Creek Journal Barriere Star Journal Burns Lake Lakes District News Castlegar News Clearwater Times Cranbrook Kootenay Advertiser Creston Valley Advance Fernie Free Press Ft. St. James Caledonia Courier

#### Radio

CKNW (Vancouver) CKWX (Vancouver) CBC (Victoria) CBC (Vancouver) CBC (Prince George) CBC (Kelowna) CFAX (Victoria) CHNL (Kamloops) CFIS (Kelowna)

CHBC (Kelowna) CHEK (Victoria) CKPG (Prince George) CBC Newsworld (National) CTV News Channel (National)

- Maple Ridge Times Mission City Record New Westminster News Leader New Westminster Record North Shore Outlook North Shore News Peace Arch News Richmond News Richmond Review South Delta Leader Surrey Leader Surrey Leader Surrey Now Tri City News Vancouver Courier Westender
- Golden Star Houston Today Invermere Valley Echo Kamloops This Week Kelowna Capital News Kitimat Northern Sentinel Kootenay News Advertiser Merritt Herald Nelson Star Northern Weekender Penticton Western News

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Prince George Free Press Prince Rupert Northern View Princeton Similkameen Spotlight Quesnel Cariboo Observer Revelstoke Times Review Rossland News Salmon Arm Observer Sicamous Eagle Valley News

#### Vancouver Island

Alberni Valley News Campbell River Mirror Courtenay Comox Valley Record Cowichan News Leader & Pictorial Goldstream News Gazette Ladysmith Chronicle Lake Cowichan Gazette Monday Magazine Nanaimo News Bulletin Smithers Interior News Summerland Bulletin Summerland Review Terrace Standard Vanderhoof Omineca Express Vernon Morning Star Williams Lake Tribune

North Island Gazette North Island MidWeek Oak Bay News Parksville Qualicum Beach News Saanich News Sidney Peninsula News Review Sooke Mirror Victoria News

#### **Twitter Feeds**

#### Media Outlets

Vancouver Sun – VancouverSun (62,910) News 1130 – News1130radio (19,617 tweets) CTV BC – ctvbc (18,178 tweets) Global – GlobalBC (15,360 tweets) Province – theprovince (14,146 tweets) CKNW – CKNW (11,309 tweets) CBC - cbcnewsbc (11,238 tweets)

#### **Reporter & Columnists**

Rod Mickleburgh – rodmickleburgh (6,712 tweets) Sean Holman – publiceyeonline (2,683 tweets) Chad Skelton – chadskelton (2,549) Gary Mason – garymasonglobe (1,290 tweets) Jonathan Fowlie – jonathanfowlie (1, 192 tweets) Ian Bailey – ianabailey (1071 tweets) Keith Baldrey – keithbaldrey (590 tweets) Craig McInnes – CraigMcInnes (560 tweets) Stephen Smart – CBCSmart (525 tweets) Jim Harrison – JimHarrisonNL (437 tweets)

Internet, CP News sources are not listed.

Black Press – BlackPressMedia (10,569 tweets) 24 Hours – 24hoursvan (10,126 tweets) Times Colonist – timescolonist (6,696 tweets) Radio NL – RadioNLNews (4,217 tweets) ANews – AnewsVanIsland (1,950 tweets) CityNews – CitytvNews (1,066 tweets) CFAX – cfax1070 (1,007 tweets)

Vaughn Palmer – VaughnPalmer (408 tweets) Jon Woodward – CTV\_JonWoodward (305 tweets) Sean Leslie – seanlesliebc (287 tweets) Justine Hunter – justine\_hunter (234 tweets) Ian Austin – ianaustin007 (178 tweets) Rob Shaw – tc\_shaw (78 tweets) Lindsay Kines – LKines (67 tweets) Mike Smyth – MikeSmythNews (63 tweets) Jim Beatty – ctv\_jim (45 tweets)

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