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Message from the President

Premier David Eby has spoken clearly about the importance of local journalism and about the harm caused when local newsrooms shrink or close. That concern is well placed. The question is what can his government do to help?

First, he can implement an advertising set-aside for local news. Other provinces have acted on this point. Ontario directed its four largest government agencies to allocate at least 25% of annual advertising spending to Ontario publishers and made a similar commitment for its own advertising spending. Manitoba's All-Party Committee on Local Journalism recommended a minimum 25% set-aside for local journalism.

A report by Rebuild Local News has also found that advertising set-asides can support local journalism without new spending, because they use dollars government already spends and pay news outlets for a service. They also help public messages reach more residents through community and ethnic publications that people know and trust.

Public ad dollars should be invested in communities such as Merritt instead of going to trillion-dollar behemoths in Mountain View (Google) or Menlo Park (Meta), California, whose algorithms feed on rage and foster division. It's long past time to support the home team, and for the B.C. government to actually "Buy B.C."

Second, he can follow the example of Ontario, where the provincial government has recognized the unique position and role of newspapers and has chosen to exempt them from the provincial packaging recycling program. We urge British Columbia to do the same. Newspapers are a product; they are not packaging.

Our environmental impact is small and only getting smaller. Over the course of our Stewardship Plan, we have seen some significant year-over-year declines in volume. None, however, have been as big as we saw in 2025. There's been more thinning, reduced circulation, and the loss of a major member newspaper with multiple publications in BC.

Our papers continue to generate as much content as possible, and to diversify our distribution to include more online media. We also remain invested in the recycling of the physical newspapers still distributed in BC, including the promotion of recycling.

Sincerely,



Paul Deegan, President and Chief Executive Officer of News Media Canada

Introduction

News Media Canada (NMC) is pleased to present our 2025 Annual Report. Our Stewardship Plan is now almost nine years old. Considering the change over these years, most notably the huge decline in newsprint distribution that's occurred, it's fair to say our original Plan has run its course. Nonetheless, we continue to abide by the 2017 plan, including conducting a professional third-party audit and producing this report each year. Should the BC Government wish to adjust or modernize the Plan, whilst recognizing the challenging circumstances of the newspaper industry, we look forward to charting a path that works for everyone.

NMC remains the leader in newsprint EPR programs across Canada. As a members-based association, we are here to advocate for all newspapers from coast to coast. If there are regulatory obligations that affect our industry, we will ensure our members are represented. There is no other organization with the experience and ability to act as a newspaper stewardship organization at this time. And NMC is always open for new members to join and make sure they are complying.

This annual report follows a similar format to those prior. All *Recycling Regulation* requirements are addressed. We also provide the current make-up of the NMC Board, details on our annual audit, 2025 tonnage volumes, and consumer awareness undertaken over the year. Finally, the concluding Appendix is updated to include all members and publications active in print in 2025. As it has for many years now, the list has become shorter over the last 12 months.

Through 2025, Plan membership changed, entirely in one direction. One of our core non-English language members – *Ming Pao* – ceased operations and therefore dropped off the Plan. In addition, members with multiple publications, most notably *Black Press*, dropped or shifted certain titles online, reducing overall newsprint distribution even further.

Recycle BC (RBC) continues to operate material collection across the province, including for our newsprint. With over a decade operating in BC, the RBC brand is clearly becoming more well known amongst the general public and their collection network and capabilities more robust. This is a good thing for newsprint recycling and recycling in general. NMC thanks RBC for their hard work in 2025.

The NMC board and governance structure remains largely the same as it was at last report. We thank David Adsett of the *Wellington Advertiser* for staying on as Chair. The board continues with 14 total members, the only recent change being the transition of Mr. Sean Murray from Director at Large to Treasurer on the Board Executive. Members' willingness to serve on the board in spite of challenges facing our industry is greatly appreciated.

Please visit the NMC website for a complete list of directors, positions, and affiliations¹.

¹ Refer to the NMC website for a complete and up-to-date list of directors: <https://nmc-mic.ca/about-us/board-of-directors/>

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² These documents can be found at this link: <https://nmc-mic.ca/public-affairs/newspapers-and-recycling/bc-stewardship/>

Summary of Third-Party Audit

NMC once again commissioned a professional third-party audit of the non-financial information relevant to our Stewardship Plan. Data came from a robust survey of members and focused on tonnages of newsprint distributed to the residential market in BC over 2025. This year, we opted to change auditors from BDO to MNP. MNP is well reputed in Canada for auditing work, and we were pleased to work with them.

The audit's primary goal was to assess the accuracy and completeness of reported residential tonnages. A total of six producer groups were included, most of which publish multiple titles.

MNP followed a three-phase approach to the project: Scoping and Planning, Execution, and Reporting. Phase 1 included meeting with NMC and other stakeholders to confirm critical elements like purpose, methodology, and protocols, as well as timelines. Phase 2 was the survey stage and involved conducting walkthroughs with producer representatives and reviewing data provided by each to assess its accuracy and completeness. The review was based on inquiry, inspection, and vouching to independent source documentation. The final phase consisted of drafting an internal report, presenting it for review and feedback, and issuing a final version.

The survey of members during Phase 2 was key for data collection. These members – just six this year – did their best to provide the necessary information and worked with MNP staff to resolve any issues. This included reviewing datasheets and formulas, answering follow-up questions to address any inconsistencies, and assisting in the adjustment process so the final numbers were as accurate as possible. As with those prior, this year's audit was met with the limitations that come with non-financial data.

At NMC's guidance, MNP adopted the same key volume categories used in historical reports:

- Gross Production Volume (GPV):
 - Gross tonnage associated with the producers' own publications only
 - Included all applicable categories of PPP to ensure completeness
- Residential Production Volume (RPV):
 - All PPP that is reasonably expected to be discarded as garbage or collected through the residential system, including that delivered to single or multi-family residential premises and distributed via newspaper boxes or commercial vendors
 - Material originating from commercial, institutional, or industrial settings is excluded here; specific exclusions include things like returns, copies distributed to the hospitality industry or at transportation hubs including airports, and any material retained and recycled at printer locations
- Disaggregated PPP categories:
 - Newsprint – all newspaper publications
 - Magazines and other bound periodicals – including catalogues, brochures, and telephone books
 - Plastic Film and Laminates – essentially plastic bags/sleeves for newspaper protection during wet weather
 - Other Printed Paper-Subscription Letter & Envelopes – also includes other paper for copying or general use
 - Other Packaging – any and all other packaging or elements integrated into packaging

As always, all members reported predominantly newsprint for their PPP distribution. For RPVs following adjustments, *Black Press* had the highest by a large margin at 1,473.2 metric tonnes. *Postmedia* followed at 858.0 tonnes, and closely behind them *Times Colonist* at 847.4. The smallest volume producer this year was *Continental* at just 38.3 tonnes, which is understandable as they are down to just two local titles.

For non-newsprint PPP, each member reported at least some. All six had material in the “Magazines and Other Bound Periodicals” category, with *Black Press* again at the top with 132.9 tonnes and *Continental* at the bottom with just 0.5 tonnes. *Globe and Mail* and *Times Colonist* reported “Plastic Film and Laminates” tonnage, on account of plastic sleeves and such material; the former had 1.9 tonnes and the latter 6.9. These two members also reported small volumes of “Other Printed Paper”, with subscription letter and envelopes being an example. After adjustments, there was no “Other Packaging” reported.

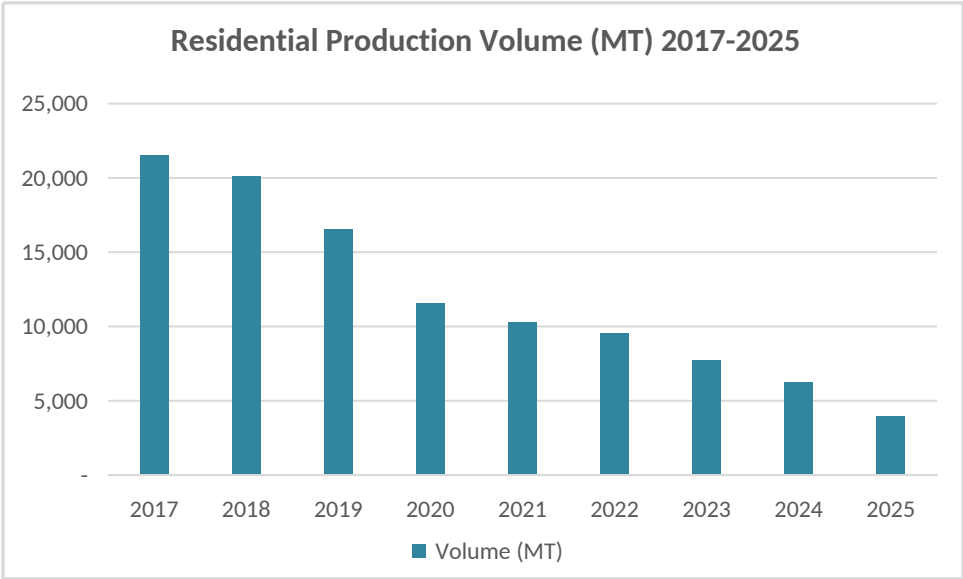
NMC has worked with our members over the years to improve on identified shortcomings regarding reporting. In particular, we issued a memorandum titled *Considerations for Future Reporting of Tonnage to NMC*, which took into account findings from various BDO audits. This notwithstanding, MNP identified a number of issues that continue to persist, including control gaps, lack of independent review, and formal training on reporting methodologies. Reliance on traditional data entry and spreadsheets systems was also cited as a potential source of error. NMC recognizes these challenges and will continue to work on them, while considering the context of a disparate membership with different business models, unique production and distribution systems, and the difficulty of devoting resources and expertise in a shrinking industry.

Some of the specific inconsistencies identified were related to the exclusion of non-qualifying volumes, defining residential distribution, and classifying PPP categories. To address this, MNP went through an adjustment and revision process, with these numbers reflected in the “Adjustments” rows in the data tables on pages 9 and 10. By and large, these adjustments resulted in volume reductions rather than increases, particularly when it came to the critical measures of residential volume.

Tonnage Trends

Below is an updated table and bar chart showing the latest tonnage numbers for residential newsprint distributed into the BC marketplace. The drop between 2024 and 2025 was our largest yet, at 36%. Overall since we first starting tracking things in 2017, total tonnage has dropped 82%. This year's reductions are due largely to *Ming Pao* falling off our program entirely, along with a 65% reduction in RPV from *Continental*, and a 43% reduction from *Black Press*. These retractions mirror what *Glacier Media* experienced between 2023 and 2024. We sincerely hope that 2026 is kinder to our industry and that we can maintain as much of the current distribution as possible.

Year	Volume (MT)	% Reduction
2017	21,508	X
2018	20,101	7%
2019	16,520	18%
2020	11,531	30%
2021	10,250	11%
2022	9,504	7%
2023	7,704	19%
2024	6,215	19%
2025	3,970	36%



These figures come from the annual audits conducted since 2017. More detailed figures from the most recent audit are provided on the next two pages.

2025 Tonnages

*Numbers are in metric tonnes, rounded to the nearest decimal point

GROSS PRODUCTION VOLUMES (GPV)	Black Press	Glacier Media	Globe and Mail	Postmedia	Times Colonist	Continental Group	Total
Reported GPV for 2025	3,488.0	-	558.0	1,298.0	981.3	62.5	6,387.8
Adjustments	(1,486.6)	550.4	(38.0)	-	54.9	0.6	(918.7)
Revised 2025 Estimates	2,001.4	550.4	520.0	1,298.0	1,036.2	63.1	5,469.1

RESIDENTIAL PRODUCTION VOLUMES (RPV)	Black Press	Glacier Media	Globe and Mail	Postmedia	Times Colonist	Continental Group	Total
Reported RPV for 2025	1,975.7	489.0	399.4	858.0	981.3	62.5	4,765.9
Adjustments	(502.5)	(64.4)	(70.9)	0	(133.9)	(24.2)	(795.9)
Revised 2025 Estimates	1,473.2	424.6	328.5	858.0	847.4	38.3	3,970.0

CATEGORIES OF PPP	<i>Black Press</i>	<i>Glacier Media</i>	<i>Globe and Mail</i>	<i>Postmedia</i>	<i>Times Colonist</i>	<i>Continental Group</i>	<i>Total</i>
	I) NEWSPRINT						
Reported in 2025	1,809.6	375.5	385.0	855.0	953.1	62.5	4,400.2
Adjustments	(469.3)	(61.2)	(70.2)	-	(127.6)	(24.2)	(752.5)
Revised 2025 Estimates	1,340.3	314.3	314.8	855.0	825.5	37.8	3,687.7
	II) MAGAZINES AND OTHER BOUND PERIODICALS						
Reported in 2025	-	113.5	12.0	3.0	18.6	0.5	147.6
Adjustments	132.9	(3.2)	(0.3)	-	(6.3)	-	123.1
Revised 2025 Estimates	132.9	110.3	11.7	3.0	12.3	0.5	270.7
	III) PLASTIC FILM AND LAMINATES						
Reported in 2025	-	-	2.3	-	-	-	2.3
Adjustments	-	-	(0.4)	-	6.9	-	6.5
Revised 2025 Estimates	-	-	1.9	-	6.9	-	8.8
	IV) OTHER PRINTED PAPER -						
Reported in 2025	166.1	-	0.1	-	2.7	-	168.9
Adjustments	(166.1)	-	-	-	-	-	(166.1)
Revised 2025 Estimates	-	-	0.1	-	2.7	-	2.8
	V) OTHER PACKAGING						
Reported in 2025	-	-	-	-	6.9	-	6.9
Adjustments	-	-	-	-	(6.9)	-	(6.9)
Revised 2025 Estimates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Consumer Awareness

This year's audit did not include a formal section on consumer awareness, however we are happy to report on our members' efforts based on information gathered specifically for this annual report. Our Plan commits members to engage in "ongoing recycling promotion in B.C. newspapers". In our case, this has been via text and pictogram/image-based advertisements included right on the pages of our papers.

Different members continue to take advantage of the full suite of ad options that we've developed over the years. They're simple, but they work. There are options in all different styles and sizes so they can be slotted in with a high degree of flexibility. Varying the location of recycling promotions also helps increase visibility to a wider audience who naturally focus on different parts of a newspaper. The following pages show some great examples of this, including ads positioned in different parts of the news section, as well as in the classifieds.

The examples to follow come from a range of papers, showing how we've done wide promotion across both local and regional/national titles. *Glacier Media*, our second-largest publisher of local papers, was a leader once again, running ads in virtually every addition of the majority of their papers throughout the year. An example is also included from *Black Press*, the other primary local paper publisher in BC. And finally, *Postmedia* ran extensive ads in BC's two marquee regional/national papers, the *Vancouver Sun* and *The Province*. Anyone who regularly reads a newspaper in BC will be well aware of our dedication to ongoing recycling promotion.

Example of recent ad run on a news page in Black Press' Abbotsford News (June 18, 2026):
 *See bottom-right

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The 27th annual Family Fishing Weekend runs from June 19 to 21 in various locations. (Instagram photo)

Families invited to learn about freshwater fishing

Ben Lypka

The annual Family Fishing Weekend is back and there are five locations across the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley to participate in the activity for free.

The 27th annual event runs from June 19 to 21 to coincide with Father's Day weekend and allows everyone from beginners to experts the opportunity to experience licence-free fishing, learning events and fishing-themed activities.

According to a press release from the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC, the weekend is designed to offer opportunities to people of all ages to learn about and enjoy freshwater fishing. They feature structured and unstructured components for people to enjoy at their own pace. There is no charge to participate, and licence requirements have been waived for the three days.

"While people may think of fishing as a solitary activity, it's an activity that is also

very community-based," stated Jenna Merth, the society's outreach coordinator.

"Kids can fish with parents and grandparents. Friends can enjoy fishing together. There is a whole freshwater fishing community full of enthusiasts who are keen to share their knowledge and their passion. Come as a group or come and meet new people who also love fishing at one of these events."

Event locations are:

- Abbotsford: Fraser Valley Trout Hatchery – June 20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC)
- Chilliwack: Cultus Lake Main Beach – June 20, 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Eastern Fraser Valley Lions Club)
- Maple Ridge: Whonnock Lake – June 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (City of Maple Ridge)
- North Vancouver: Rice Lake – June 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Seymour Salmonid Society)
- Surrey: Green Timbers Lake – June 20, 8 a.m. to noon (Fysh

Brain)

While Canadian residents are permitted to fish licence-free over the three days, some requirements remain in effect including catch quotas. Event activities range from family barbecues and children's fishing clinics to fly-tying clinics, free rod and tackle loans and stream clean-up projects.

Events are hosted by fish and game clubs, municipalities, BC Parks, the Conservation Officer Service, and community groups.

The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC – with funding from the Pacific Salmon Foundation and Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation – helps to support and promote Family Fishing Weekend events held around the province.

According to the society, 380,000 people purchased a basic fishing licence in B.C. in 2025, which is an increase of six per cent over 2024. For more information on fishing in B.C., visit gofishbc.com.

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The Vancouver World charged 50 cents in 1898 for this color map of the city. It shows houses, commercial and industrial buildings, railway lines, bridges and more. PHOTO COURTESY ARCHIVES CANADA

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY: 1898

Early map offers bird's-eye view of city in colour

Detailed illustration shows downtown with focus on key buildings and wharves

JOHN MACKIE

The Vancouver World claimed to have produced 200,000 copies of its 1898 panoramic map of Vancouver, which purported to show every building in the city from a "bird's-eye view" in the sky.

If true, that was quite a feat, given the 1891 Henderson's City of Vancouver directory said the city's population was only 13,022 in 1890. In any event, it remains one of the great images of early Vancouver. The black-and-white map was done by the Allan Publishing Company of San Francisco, which did similar maps of cities up and down the west coast.

Vancouver was only four years old at the time, and was still confined to Gastown. There was virtually nothing east of Campbell Avenue in Strathcona or south of Palse Creek, and most of the West End was still vacant — the city pretty much ended at Broughton and south of Denby.

In 1898, the World decided to do another one — in colour. The cost was 50 cents, double the 25 cents people paid in 1890. (A smaller version also seems to have been handed out to World subscribers.)

It was illustrated by Augustus Koch, a German-born cartographer who lived in Chicago, and printed by the Toronto Lithographing Company. It's a gorgeous map, and the World didn't hold back in its hype.

"No other work, publication or view so clearly defines and familiarizes people abroad with the site upon which Vancouver is located," said a World story on Dec. 28, 1898.

"Our cartographer has a cutaway of the city, English Bay to the west, and Palse Creek running from west to east through the centre of what is to be the Liverpool of the twentieth century."

The map is richly detailed, showing houses, commercial and industrial buildings, and wharves, bridges, and a foreshore in the harbour.

It illustrates the physical geography of the 1898 city, which was largely the downtown peninsula. The most striking thing to the modern eye is that Palse Creek was up to Clark Drive — there was a bridge across Main Street, which was then known as Westminster Avenue.

Many commercial buildings were built, so Koch coloured them a reddish-orange, which really makes Gastown and parts of Granville stand out. The Canadian Pacific Railway mainline in Palse Bay is red as well. The buildings in today's Yaletown are

mostly wooden houses. The details are intricate: the churches have spires, many of the buildings have towers, and some of the industrial buildings have ornate facades peering over. Some of the showplaces in Burned Inlet have black smoke coming out of their stacks as well, but there are still a lot of sailing ships.

The Hastings Mill at the foot of Burnaby Inlet, with several ships at dock there. The newly Rogers Sugar factory is drawn as an iron — it was one of the iron industries.

Part of the CP rail line in Gastown curves into a dock that sits in the water north of the CP station, a handsome chateau-style building. There are houses throughout most of today's downtown, and several more lumber mills along the waterfront.

The Vancouver Archives has a copy of the 1898 map, which was quite large (approximately 76 by 107 centimetres). A digital copy can be downloaded from its website, but originals are very rare.

"They're just not surfacing," said Don Stewart of MacLeod's Books, who hasn't had an original copy for sale in years. "When they do turn up in a frame, you could easily spend \$1,000 on one at this point."

The Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. has 46 of Koch's 109-plus panoramic bird's-eye view maps, including an 1891 colour map of Seattle that looks similar to the 1898 Vancouver map.

The Library of Congress has a large collection of the maps, which it describes as "non-photographic representations of cities portrayed as if viewed from above at an oblique angle. Although not generally drawn to scale, they show street patterns, individual buildings, and major landscapes features in perspective."

Among the 123 bird's-eye views in the Library of Congress collection are five from B.C., which you can search online. But they recall of Victoria.

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CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

STUART McWIR

"Long gone are the days of working for the firm and retiring with a suit as a parting gift" says Diana Mackay.

"The world is careening forward at breakneck speed," says Mackay, an executive director of Carleton University's global academy. "Sometimes we are lucky enough to be holding the harness firmly and riding along — even steering things. But more likely, we're hanging on."

In the 1970s, Devin Tuffer and Adelaide Farnsworth Future Shock, a book that stated there is "too much change in too short a period of time" and that rate of change would accelerate.

"Acceleration is here," says Mackay. "Information overload, social media and a sense of instability due to rapid change has left young people feeling disoriented and uncertain, especially when it comes to their careers."



Diana Mackay

A professional attitude to the speed of change may be to avoid specialization and determine a generalist approach.

"Specialists remain essential, but generalists are vital translators, interpreters, and connectors in times of turbulence. And being a generalist can be a lot of fun too. As we collectively move forward, this may be the number one thing young people moving through an unpredictable future."

Mackay joined a conversation about navigating wild career swings, and how that diversity of experience enables valuable insights that organizations can also embrace and leverage change and uncertainty.

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The factors that have fueled this trend in the past have persisted for 2025. This includes the shut down of certain titles, migration of hard copy titles to online, and further reduction in pages and publication frequencies. There was also the significant impact of the *Ming Pao* shut-down, who went from 418 tonnes in 2024, to zero for 2025.

The simple nature of our material continues to leave little opportunity for further design-for-environment. Unlike other types of PPP packaging which can be substituted with lower-impact alternatives, redesigned, etc., these options don't exist for newsprint. We have continued the longstanding best practices of using recycled content, lightweighting paper as much as reasonably possible, and using vegetable rather than petroleum-based inks. The only option beyond these is to eliminate more paper altogether by shifting content entirely online. And while this has been done in many instances, it comes at the cost of reduced access, particularly for critical older demographics who often prefer hard copies and/or don't use computers. As our members are committed to serving all readers, especially longstanding ones, hard copies will continue to be offered as long as it's feasible.

Conclusion

News Media Canada appreciates your interest in this annual report and thanks everyone who continues to support our members through these changing and challenging times. Following some rather precipitous drops in volume in recent years, we had hoped to report more of a stabilization for 2025. Unfortunately this was not to be, and we saw one of our largest year-over-year declines yet. One can only hope for a more positive outcome for 2026.

NMC intends to continue with these annual updates. We are pleased with the new relationship we've established with MNP and hope to use their audit services again in future years. They communicated clear recommendations on how to improve reporting systems and we will endeavour to help members implement them as much as possible throughout 2026.

As always, we are at the ready to work with the government of British Columbia to update our Plan and value-in-kind advertising agreement. We've been clear on our position that it's time for newspapers to be exempted from PPP EPR programs. With tonnages dropping as they have, it really only makes sense.

Thank you for reading this report and, more importantly, for reading BC's great newspapers. Local or national, we've been here to inform and challenge you for generations. And with every paper recycled, you're helping close the loop, supporting a more sustainable future while keeping quality journalism alive.

Appendix A – List of Current Members and Publications for 2025 Annual Report

Here we provide an updated list of publishers and titles covered by the NMC Stewardship Plan. This list includes only those that are published in hard copy and therefore covered by Schedule 5 of the *Recycling Regulation*.

This Appendix continues to get shorter each year. For 2025, all seven titles from *Ming Pao* have fallen off as they have shut down all operations. *Black Press* also saw retraction, with six titles ceasing operations entirely, two shifting to online only, and one combining with another.

Member Publishers and Titles as of June 2026:

- Postmedia Network Inc.
 - Vancouver Sun
 - Province
 - National Post
- The Globe and Mail Inc.
 - Globe and Mail
- Black Press Group Ltd.
 - 100 Mile House Free Press
 - Abbotsford News
 - Agassiz-Harrison Observer
 - Alberni Valley News
 - Aldergrove Star
 - Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal
 - Barriere Star Journal
 - Boulevard – Okanagan
 - Boulevard Victoria
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 - Chemainus Valley Courier
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 - Duncan Cowichan Valley Citizen
 - Fernie Free Press
 - Fort St. James Caledonia Courier
 - Goldstream News Gazette
 - Grand Forks Gazette
 - Gulf Island Driftwood
 - Hope Standard

- Houston Today
 - Invermere, The Valley Echo
 - Kelowna Capital News
 - Keremeos, The Review
 - Kimberly Daily Bulletin
 - Kitimat, Northern Sentinel
 - Ladysmith-Chemainus Chronicle
 - Lake Cowichan Gazette
 - Langley Advance Times
 - Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows News
 - Mission City Record
 - Monday Magazine
 - Nanaimo News Bulletin
 - Nelson Star
 - North Delta Reporter
 - Oak Bay News
 - Parksville/Qualicum Beach News
 - Peace Arch News, White Rock/South Surrey
 - Penticton Western News
 - Port Hardy, North Island Gazette
 - Prince Rupert, The Northern View
 - Princeton, The Similkameen Spotlight
 - Quesnel, Cariboo Observer
 - Real Estate Victoria
 - Real Estate Weekly Langley
 - Revelstoke Times Review
 - Rossland News
 - Saanich News
 - Salmon Arm Observer
 - Sidney, Peninsula News Review
 - Smithers, Interior News
 - Sooke News Mirror
 - Summerland Review
 - Surrey Now Leader
 - Terrace Standard
 - Tofino-Ucuelet Westerly News
 - Trail Daily Times
 - Vanderhoof, Omineca Express
 - Vernon, Morning Star
 - Victoria News
 - Williams Lake Tribune
 - Winfield, Lake County Calendar
- Glacier Media Inc.
 - Bowen Island Undercurrent
 - Business in Vancouver
 - Coast Reporter
 - Delta Optimist

- Merritt Herald
- North Shore News
- Northern Horizon
- Powell River Peak
- Squamish Chief
- Western Investor
- Whistler Pique

- Continental Newspapers Ltd.
 - The Daily Courier
 - The Penticton Herald

- TC Publications Ltd. Partnership
 - Victoria Times Colonist



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