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It's early days, but industry insider John Hinds doesn't expect the sale of Torstar to a pair of Canadian entrepreneurs will lead to dramatic changes at the company's chain of weekly community newspapers — including this one.

And, he says, the deal sends some positive signals about the embattled industry.

"I think the good side is that people are interested in owning newspapers and news media and that's always positive," said Hinds, CEO of News Media Canada, an advocacy group for daily and community media outlets.

"I think it does put paid to the idea that we're a dinosaur media when entrepreneurial business people want to take over and accept the challenge."

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TO THE RESCUE



Graham Paine/Torstar

Firefighters carry Sparky to safety after the three-year-old golden retriever and his owner got stuck part way down a steep embankment along the Sixteen Mile Creek Trail Saturday morning.

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