## Keep your Intranet Content Fresh: Staying 'Open by Default' without closing for repairs

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## **About MD Financial Management**

- Owned by the Canadian Medical Association (CMA)
- Canadian financial services firm servicing Canadian physicians and their families since 1969
- 100,000 clients across Canada
- Open and transparent client relationship



## **Our Intranet story**

- Launched a ThoughtFarmer intranet in 2011, known as Verve.
- Intranet shared by four companies
- 'Open-by default' intranet, prioritizing collaborative culture over restrictive rules



## **Lessons Learned**

- Corporate culture & engagement can boost intranet adoption
- Governance is important but it doesn't have to be a big bag of rules
- Intranet management is one giant corporate-wide continuous-improvement exercise



## **Corporate culture & engagement can boost intranet adoption**

- Align your Intranet strategy to your corporate culture
- Follow employee motivations and trends





## **Corporate culture & engagement can boost intranet adoption**

- Too many 'rules' can stifle adoption
- Focus on adoption first, governance second



# Intranet adoption can boost corporate culture & engagement too

- Use your intranet as a tool to boost engagement and shape corporate culture
- Make the intranet personal, not just corporate





# Governance is important — but it doesn't have to be a big bag of rules

- Once adoption rates are up, introduce rules & guidelines
- Identify various intranet user roles and communicate responsibilities

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(9 days ago) Source: Verve News & Views

#### Don't get left behind! Join a Verve training session to learn what's changed

(14 days ago) Source: Verve News & Views

#### Join the "Adopt a Word" program

(Mar 16, 2015) Source: Verve News & Views

Be the First to Know: Get the Inside Scoop on What's Coming Soon on Verve

(Mar 12, 2015) Source: Verve News & Views

NEW! Guidelines for sharing files (Feb 27, 2015)

Source: Verve News & Views



# Governance is important — but it doesn't have to be a big bag of rules

- Coach and train employees repeatedly and intervene
  when necessary
- Offer 'in the moment' communications



## Four years into our Intranet story...

- Couldn't stay completely open by default
- Locked down some areas gate-keeper approach

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### Intranet management is one giant corporate-wide continuous-improvement exercise

- Who owns the intranet? The intranet is OURS
- Create an effective support model
- Develop and schedule regular content clean-ups

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Find content that hasn't been viewed recently and archive or delete it.	
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### **Summary**

- Your Intranet is an extension of your culture.
- After adoption levels increase, a more rigorous governance structure will help to maintain control of information.
- Developing a sense of shared accountability, can help to ensure content is regularly being monitored and updated

## **Thank You**

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