



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-103

Ottawa, 15 May 2008

Rossland Radio Cooperative

Rossland, British Columbia

Application 2007-1211-8, received 22 August 2007

Public Hearing at Vancouver, British Columbia

25 February 2008

Developmental community radio station in Rossland

*The Commission **approves** an application for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language, low-power, developmental community FM radio programming undertaking in Rossland.*

Introduction

1. The Commission received an application by Rossland Radio Cooperative for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language, low-power, developmental community FM radio programming undertaking in Rossland.
2. The Commission received interventions in support of this application.

Proposed service

3. The Commission notes that developmental stations operate primarily for training purposes. The applicant indicated that the new station would offer training to those members of the community who wish to have access to the airwaves, including local students. The new station would offer an average of 50 hours of programming per broadcast week, of which 6 hours would be acquired. The programming would consist of local news, weather and coverage of local events. The proposed station would also broadcast two hours of French programming in each broadcast week, in order to serve the area's French-speaking residents.

Commission's determination

4. The Commission is satisfied that the application is consistent with the provisions for developmental community radio stations set out in *Community radio policy*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-13, 28 January 2000. Accordingly, the Commission **approves** the application by Rossland Radio Cooperative for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language, low-power, developmental community FM radio programming undertaking in Rossland. The terms and **conditions of licence** are set out in the appendix to this decision.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to the licence. It is available in alternative format upon request and may also be examined in PDF format or in HTML at the following Internet site: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca>.

Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-103

Terms, conditions of licence and encouragement

Terms

Issuance of the broadcasting licence to operate an English-language, low-power, developmental community FM radio programming undertaking in Rossland, British Columbia

The licence will expire 31 August 2010. If the applicant wishes to continue the operation of the station beyond this period, it should file an application for a regular community radio licence with the Commission, nine months before the expiry of its licence.

The station will operate at 101.1 MHz (channel 266VLP) with an effective radiated power of 5 watts.

The Department of Industry (the Department) has advised the Commission that, while this application is conditionally technically acceptable, it will only issue a broadcasting certificate when it has determined that the proposed technical parameters will not create any unacceptable interference with aeronautical NAV/COM services.

The Commission reminds the applicant that, pursuant to section 22(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, no licence may be issued until the Department notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met, and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.

Given that the technical parameters approved in this decision are for a low-power unprotected FM service, the Commission also reminds the applicant that it will have to select another frequency if the Department so requires.

Furthermore, the licence for this undertaking will be issued once the applicant has informed the Commission in writing that it is prepared to commence operations. The undertaking must be operational at the earliest possible date and in any event no later than 24 months from the date of this decision, unless a request for an extension of time is approved by the Commission before 15 May 2010. In order to ensure that such a request is processed in a timely manner, it should be submitted at least 60 days before this date.

In accordance with *Community radio policy*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-13, 28 January 2000, the licence for this community radio station will be held by a not-for-profit organization without share capital whose structure provides for membership, management, operation and programming by members of the community at large. The board of directors will ultimately control the undertaking and be responsible for adherence to the *Radio Regulations, 1986* and the station's conditions of licence.

Conditions of licence

1. The licence shall be subject to the conditions set out in *New licence form for community radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-157, 16 November 2000.

Encouragement

The Commission considers that community radio stations should be particularly sensitive to employment equity issues in order to reflect fully the communities they serve. It encourages the licensee to consider these issues in its hiring practices and in all other aspects of its management of human resources.