



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2010-437

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CIAM Media & Radio Broadcasting Association

Charlie Lake and Vanderhoof, British Columbia
Fort Vermilion, Red Earth, Buffalo Head, Watt Mountain, Foggy Mountain, Weberville,
Hines Creek, Slave Lake, Cleardale, Peerless Lake, Wabasca, Fort Chipewyan,
Meander River, Chateh and Manning, Alberta
Buckland, Saskatchewan

Application 2009-0182-8, received 16 January 2009

CIAM-FM Fort Vermilion and its transmitters – Licence renewal

The Commission renews the broadcasting licence for the low-power, English-language Type B community radio programming undertaking CIAM-FM Fort Vermilion and its transmitters, from 1 July 2010 to 31 August 2013. This short-term licence renewal will enable the Commission to review, at an earlier date, the licensee's compliance with the Radio Regulations, 1986.

Introduction

1. The Commission received an application by CIAM Media & Radio Broadcasting Association (CIAM) to renew the broadcasting licence for the low-power, English-language Type B community radio programming undertaking CIAM-FM Fort Vermilion and its transmitters CIAM-FM-1 Red Earth, CIAM-FM-2 Buffalo Head, CIAM-FM-3 Watt Mountain, CIAM-FM-4 Foggy Mountain, CIAM-FM-5 Weberville, CIAM-FM-6 Hines Creek, CIAM-FM-7 Slave Lake, CIAM-FM-8 Charlie Lake, CIAM-FM-10 Buckland, CIAM-FM-11 Vanderhoof, CIAM-FM-12 Cleardale, CIAM-FM-13 Peerless Lake, CIAM-FM-14 Wabasca, CIAM-FM-15 Fort Chipewyan, CIAM-FM-16 Meander River, CIAM-FM-17 Chateh and CIAM-FM-18 Manning, which expires 30 June 2010.¹ The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
2. In Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2009-786, the Commission stated that the licensee may have failed to comply with section 9(2) of the *Radio Regulations, 1986* (the Regulations), which relates to the provision of annual returns, for the 2008 broadcast year.

¹ The current licence was administratively renewed until 31 December 2009 in Broadcasting Decision 2009-506, until 31 May 2010 in Broadcasting Decision 2009-785, and until 30 June 2010 in Broadcasting Decision 2010-324.

Commission's analysis and determinations

3. After examining the application in light of applicable regulations and policies, the Commission considers that the issue to be addressed in its determinations relates to the provision of annual returns. As set out in section 9(2) of the Regulations, licensees are required to file their annual return for a given broadcast year by 30 November of that same broadcast year. The Commission notes that, for the 2008 broadcast year, the licensee's annual return was filed after this 30 November deadline.
4. The licensee indicated that the 2008 annual return was filed on time, but for the financial year starting 1 January, 2008 and ending on 31 December, 2008. It noted that it corrected its filing date accordingly after being made aware of this issue.

Conclusion

5. In light of all of the above, in accordance with its practice regarding radio non-compliance, set out in Circular No. 444, the Commission considers that a short-term renewal period for CIAM-FM and its transmitters would be appropriate. Accordingly, the Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the low-power, English-language Type B community radio programming undertaking CIAM-FM Fort Vermilion and its transmitters CIAM-FM-1 Red Earth, CIAM-FM-2 Buffalo Head, CIAM-FM-3 Watt Mountain, CIAM-FM-4 Foggy Mountain, CIAM-FM-5 Weberville, CIAM-FM-6 Hines Creek, CIAM-FM-7 Slave Lake, CIAM-FM-8 Charlie Lake, CIAM-FM-10 Buckland, CIAM-FM-11 Vanderhoof, CIAM-FM-12 Cleardale, CIAM-FM-13 Peerless Lake, CIAM-FM-14 Wabasca, CIAM-FM-15 Fort Chipewyan, CIAM-FM-16 Meander River, CIAM-FM-17 Chateh and CIAM-FM-18 Manning, from 1 July 2010 to 31 August 2013, four years from the original expiry date of 31 August 2009. This short-term renewal will enable the Commission to assess, at an earlier date, the licensee's compliance with the Regulations. The licence will be subject to the **conditions** set out in the appendix to this decision.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Administrative renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2010-324, 28 May 2010
- *Notice of applications received*, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2009-786, 17 December 2009
- *Administrative renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2009-785, 17 December 2009
- *Administrative renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2009-506, 20 August 2009
- *Practices regarding radio non-compliance*, Circular No. 444, 7 May 2001

**This decision is to be appended to the licence.*

Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2010-437

Conditions of licence and encouragements

Conditions of licence

1. The licence will be subject to the conditions set out in *New licence form for community radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-157, 16 November 2000, with the exception of condition of licence number 1.
2. If the licensee originates 42 or more hours of programming in any broadcast week, the licensee shall adhere to the Canadian Association of Broadcasters' *Equitable Portrayal Code*, as amended from time to time and approved by the Commission. The application of the foregoing condition of licence will be suspended if the licensee is a member in good standing of the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council.
3. The licensee shall devote, in each broadcast week, 12% or more of its musical selections from content category 3 (Special interest music) to Canadian selections broadcast in their entirety.
4. The licensee shall adhere to the guidelines on ethics for religious programming, as set out in *Religious Broadcasting Policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1993-78, 3 June 1993, regarding solicitation of funds and religious programming practices.

Encouragements

Employment equity

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.

Community access

The Commission notes CIAM Media & Radio Broadcasting Association's (CIAM's) recognition of the unique need for expression of religious and spiritual programming in radio broadcasting, especially from an Aboriginal perspective. In addition, the Commission acknowledges that members of the broadcast community are encouraged to participate in all aspects of operations and volunteer participation. CIAM's mandate is to provide community access to the airwaves and thereby offer diverse programming that reflects the needs and interests of the local community. In light of the above, the Commission encourages CIAM to continue providing community access to all members of the communities it serves.