



## Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2023-121

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**Bertor Communications Ltd.**  
Blucher, Saskatchewan

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### CFAQ-FM Blucher – Licence renewal

1. The Commission has the authority, pursuant to subsection 9(1) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act), to issue and renew licences for such terms not exceeding seven years and subject to such conditions related to the circumstances of the licensee as it deems appropriate for the implementation of the broadcasting policy set out in subsection 3(1) of the Act.
2. Consistent with that authority, the Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the English-language commercial specialty (Religious music) radio programming undertaking CFAQ-FM Blucher, Saskatchewan, from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2030. The Commission did not receive any interventions in regard to this application. The terms and **conditions of licence** are set out in the appendix to this decision.

### Reminders

#### Local news

3. Radio stations are an important daily source of local news and information for communities. Holding a broadcasting licence comes with conditions, regulatory obligations and responsibilities, which include contributing to the Canadian broadcasting system by ensuring that Canadians have access to local programming that reflects their needs and interests and informs them of important current issues.
4. Although *Revised Commercial Radio Policy*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2022-332, 7 December 2022, does not specify a minimum level of weekly news to be broadcast, it does specify the type of spoken word material that must be included as part of a station's local programming. In accordance with that regulatory policy, the Commission reminds the licensee that its station, in its local programming, must incorporate spoken word material of direct and particular relevance to the communities served, and that this programming must include local news, weather, sports coverage, and the promotion of local events and activities. In addition, the Commission encourages the licensee to ensure that a reasonable amount of daily local news and information is made available to those communities.

### **Force and effect of broadcasting licences**

5. Pursuant to section 22 of the Act, the broadcasting licence renewed in this decision will cease to have any force or effect if the broadcasting certificate issued by the Department of Industry (also known as Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada) lapses.

### **Practical guide for radio licence renewals**

6. To learn more about the Commission's review of compliance with requirements relating to radio licences, and about the radio renewal process, please consult the Commission's [Practical guide to radio licence renewals](#).

Secretary General

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

## **Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2023-121**

### **Terms, conditions of licence, expectations and encouragement for the English-language commercial specialty (Religious music) radio programming undertaking CFAQ-FM Blucher, Saskatchewan**

#### **Terms**

The licence will expire 31 August 2030.

#### **Conditions of licence**

1. The licensee shall adhere to the conditions of licence set out in *Revised conditions of licence for commercial AM and FM radio stations*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2022-334, 7 December 2022, with the exception of condition of licence 7, as well as to the conditions set out in the broadcasting licence for the undertaking.
2. The licensee shall operate the station within the Specialty format as defined in *A review of certain matters concerning radio*, Public Notice CRTC 1995-60, 21 April 1995, in conjunction with *Revised content categories and subcategories for radio*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2022-333, 7 December 2022.
3. The licensee shall devote a minimum of 95% of all musical selections broadcast during each broadcast week are drawn from content subcategory 35 (Non-classic religious), as defined in *Revised content categories and subcategories for radio*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2022-333, 7 December 2022.

For the purposes of this condition, the terms “broadcast week,” “content subcategory” and “musical selection” shall have the same meanings as those set out in the *Radio Regulations, 1986*.

4. Where the licensee broadcasts religious programming as defined in *Religious Broadcasting Policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1993-78, 3 June 1993, the licensee shall adhere to the guidelines set out in sections III.B.2.a) and IV of that public notice with respect to the provision of balance and ethics in religious programming.

#### **Expectations**

##### **Cultural diversity**

The Commission expects the licensee to reflect the cultural diversity of Canada in its programming and employment practices.

##### **Canadian emerging artists**

Consistent with the Commission’s determination set out in *Revised Commercial Radio Policy*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2022-332, 7 December 2022 (Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2022-332), the Commission expects the licensee to devote, in each broadcast week, at least 5% of the station’s musical selections to

selections from Canadian emerging artists broadcast in their entirety. The licensee should report annually on how it has met this expectation, including the percentage of selections from Canadian emerging artists out of the total number of musical selections that were aired, and the number of distinct artists whose music has been aired. The licensee should also be able to provide, upon request, information such as a list of all titles, artists, and International Standard Recording Code (ISRC) numbers.

For the purposes of the above paragraph, the definition of “Canadian emerging artist” is the same as that set out in paragraph 346 of Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2022-332.

### **Indigenous musical selections**

Consistent with the Commission’s determination set out in *Revised Commercial Radio Policy*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2022-332, 7 December 2022 (Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2022-332), the Commission expects the licensee to include Indigenous musical selections on the station’s playlist. The licensee should report annually on the amount of Indigenous content aired on the station throughout the broadcast year (i.e., from 1 September to 31 August), including the percentage of Indigenous musical selections out of the total number of musical selections that were aired, and the number of distinct artists whose music has been aired. The licensee should also be able to provide, upon request, information such as a list of all titles, artists, and International Standard Recording Code (ISRC) numbers.

For the purposes of the above paragraph, the licensee may use the provisional definition of “Indigenous-Canadian musical selection” set out in paragraph 441 of Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2022-332 to determine whether a musical selection can be considered an Indigenous musical selection.

### **Encouragement**

In accordance with *Implementation of an employment equity policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1992-59, 1 September 1992, the Commission encourages the licensee to consider employment equity in its hiring practices and in all other aspects of its management of human resources.