



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2023-271

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Les Médias de l'Épinette Noire Inc.¹

Across Canada

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CINN-FM Hearst – Licence renewal

1. The Commission has the authority, pursuant to subsections 9(1) and 9.1(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, to issue and renew licences and to make orders imposing conditions on the carrying on of a broadcasting undertaking that it considers appropriate for the implementation of the broadcasting policy set out in subsection 3(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*.
2. Consistent with that authority, the Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the community radio programming undertaking CINN-FM Hearst, Ontario, from 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2030.² The Commission did not receive any interventions in regard to this application.
3. Pursuant to subsection 49(1) of the *Online Streaming Act*, the conditions of licence that existed prior to the date of royal assent of that Act are deemed to be conditions imposed under an order made pursuant to section 9.1 of the new *Broadcasting Act*. As such, the conditions of licence for this licensee became conditions of service and continue to apply to the licensee. For ease of reference, the **conditions of service** for this licensee are set out in the appendix to this decision. Further, the formal broadcasting licence document issued to a licensee may set out additional requirements for the undertaking, relating to, for example, technical parameters or prohibitions on transfer. The licensee shall also adhere to any such requirements set out in the broadcasting licence for the undertaking.

Reminder

4. Pursuant to section 22 of the *Broadcasting 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.

¹ Formerly Radio de L'Épinette Noire Inc.

² The original licence expiry date for the station was 31 August 2021. The licence was administratively renewed until 31 August 2022 as a result of Broadcasting Decision 2020-381, and until 31 August 2023 as a result of Broadcasting Decision 2021-299.

Practical guide for radio licence renewals

5. 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

Related documents

- *Various campus and community radio programming undertakings – Administrative renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2021-299, 30 August 2021
- *Various radio programming undertakings – Administrative renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2020-381, 27 November 2020

This decision is to be appended to the licence.

Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2023-271

Terms, conditions of service, expectations and encouragement for the community radio programming undertaking CINN-FM Hearst, Ontario

Terms

The licence will expire 31 August 2030.

Conditions of service

1. The licensee shall adhere to the conditions of service set out in *Standard conditions of licence for campus and community radio stations*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2012-304, 22 May 2012. Further, the licensee shall adhere to the requirements set out in the broadcasting licence for the undertaking.
2. The licensee shall adhere to all applicable requirements set out in the *Radio Regulations, 1986*, that were made under paragraph 10(1)(a) or under paragraph 10(1)(i) of the old *Broadcasting Act*.³

Expectations

The Commission expects all community and campus licensees to file yearly updates on the composition of their boards of directors. These annual updates can be submitted at the time of submission of annual returns, following annual board of directors' elections or at any other time. Such information may be submitted through the Commission's website.

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

Encouragement

The Commission considers that campus and community radio stations should pay particular attention to employment equity in order to reflect fully the communities they serve. It encourages the licensee to consider employment equity in its hiring practices and in all other aspects of its management of human resources.

³ Pursuant to subsection 49(2) of the *Online Streaming Act*, which made a certain number of amendments to the *Broadcasting Act* when it came into force on 27 April 2023, any regulation made under paragraphs 10(1)(a) or 10(1)(i) of the old *Broadcasting Act* is deemed to be an order made under section 9.1 of the new *Broadcasting Act*.