



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2007-319

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Memorial University of Newfoundland Radio Society
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador

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CHMR-FM St. John's – Licence renewal

*The Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the community-based campus FM radio programming undertaking CHMR-FM St. John's, from 1 September 2007 to 31 August 2014.*

The application

1. The Commission received an application from Memorial University of Newfoundland Radio Society (Memorial University) to renew the broadcasting licence for the English-language, community-based campus FM radio programming undertaking CHMR-FM. The licence expires 31 August 2007.

Interventions

3. The Commission received eleven interventions in connection with this application. Two were in support and nine offered general comments. The general comments, most of which were submitted by former CHMR-FM volunteer personnel, expressed concerns with the governance and managerial practices at CHMR-FM.
4. In response to the interventions, the licensee indicated that CHMR-FM operates in compliance with its licence, the *Broadcasting Act* and all requirements with respect to its Board of Directors.

Commission's analysis and determination

5. The Commission notes that some of the concerns expressed by the interveners constitute legal matters that fall outside of the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. In accordance with Public Notice 2000-12 (the Campus Radio Policy), the Commission expects the licensee to take all the necessary steps to ensure that its Board of Directors includes balanced representation from among the student body, the associated college or university (for example, faculty or administration), station volunteers, and the community at large. To ensure continuity of direction, the Commission also encourages the licensee to establish positions on its Board of Directors with terms of more than one year.
7. In light of the above, the Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the English-language, community-based campus FM radio programming undertaking CHMR-FM St. John's, from 1 September 2007 to 31 August 2014.
8. CHMR-FM will be subject to the **conditions** set out in Public Notice 2000-156, as well as to the following condition:

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.

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.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *New licence form for community radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-156, 16 November 2000
- *Campus radio policy*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-12, 28 January 2000

This document 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>