



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-157

Ottawa, 1 August 2008

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy

Nakusp, British Columbia

Application 2007-1707-7, received 29 November 2007

Public Hearing in the National Capital Region

13 May 2008

Community radio station in Nakusp

*The Commission **approves** an application for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language, low-power Type B community FM radio station in Nakusp, British Columbia.*

Introduction

1. The Commission received an application by Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language, low-power¹ Type B community FM radio programming undertaking in Nakusp, British Columbia to replace its very low-power developmental community radio programming undertaking in Nakusp, approved in Broadcasting Decision 2005-161.
2. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.

Proposed service

3. The applicant indicated that, during each broadcast week, the station would broadcast 105 hours of programming. A Type B community radio station may not increase or decrease its total weekly broadcasting time by more than 20% without prior Commission approval.
4. The new station would offer music programming consisting of selections from content subcategories 21 (Pop, rock and dance) and 34 (Jazz and blues), as defined in Public Notice 2000-14. The applicant committed to provide, in each broadcast week, locally-produced public information, tourist information, news and weather programming. Special interest programming including specific music genres, public affairs and event coverage would constitute 10% of the broadcast week.

¹ In Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing 2008-1, both the average effective radiated power (ERP) and the maximum ERP should have read 1.6 watts instead of 5 watts.

5. In regard to the promotion of local artists, CBAL indicated that it would continue to work with young broadcasters, musicians, poets, actors and other audio media producers from the community as it has done during the past three years. The applicant noted that it has developed a close working relationship with staff and students at Nakusp Secondary School, and that it has broadcast written works by this school's students and would continue to do so. CBAL would continue to broadcast the Nakusp Secondary School's concert band and jazz band events and assist these youth musicians with production and presentation services. In addition, the applicant stated that it would continue to work closely with the Nakusp Roots Music Society, host of the annual Nakusp Music Fest, and that it would continue to broadcast all local musicians' material regularly during the year and actively encourage local musicians to contribute their material to the station's playlists. CBAL noted that a series of live on-air performances is scheduled to commence as soon as studio modifications are completed.
6. CBAL indicated that volunteers would consist of students and members of the community and that it would continue to hire local presenters to contribute all spoken word content on the station.

Commission's determinations

7. The Commission is satisfied that the application is consistent with the provisions for Type B community radio stations set out in Public Notice 2000-13. Accordingly, the Commission **approves** the application by Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language, low-power Type B community FM radio programming undertaking in Nakusp, British Columbia. The terms and **conditions of licence** are set out in the appendix to this decision.

Secretary General

Related documents

- Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2008-1, 14 March 2008
- *English-language FM developmental community radio station in Nakusp*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2005-161, 18 April 2005
- *New licence form for community radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-157, 16 November 2000
- *Revised content categories and subcategories for radio*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-14, 28 January 2000

- *Community radio policy*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-13, 28 January 2000, as amended by *Community radio policy – Correction to the French-language version of paragraph 58 of the notice*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-13-1, 2 February 2000

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 2008-157

Terms, conditions of licence and encouragement

Terms

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

The licence will take effect 1 September 2008 and will expire 31 August 2015.

The new station will operate at 107.1 MHz (channel 296LP) with an average effective radiated power of 1.6 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 1 August 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 will be subject to the conditions set out in *New licence form for community radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-157, 16 November 2000.
2. The licensee shall devote, in each broadcast week, a minimum of 12% of its musical selections from content category 3 (Special Interest Music) to Canadian selections broadcast in their entirety.

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.