



## Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-326

Ottawa, 2 August 2006

### **Various applicants**

Calgary and Airdrie, Alberta

*Public Hearing at Calgary, Alberta*

*21 February 2006*

### **Denial of various applications proposing radio service for Calgary and Airdrie, Alberta**

*At the 21 February Public Hearing in Calgary, the Commission considered applications related to radio services in Calgary and Airdrie. In this decision, the Commission denies six of the applications proposing to establish new radio stations to serve Calgary, and denies two of the applications proposing to establish new radio stations to serve Airdrie.*

1. On 13 May 2005, the Commission issued *Call for applications for a broadcasting licence to carry on radio programming undertakings to serve Calgary, Alberta*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2005-48 (the Call). The Call announced that the Commission had received an application for a broadcasting licence to provide a commercial radio programming undertaking to serve Calgary, and called for applications from other parties wishing to provide radio programming services to the area.
2. In response to the Call, the Commission received nine applications for broadcasting licences to serve Calgary as well as three applications to serve the nearby community of Airdrie, which is considered part of the Calgary Central Market Area (CMA). Those applications, together with the application that triggered the call, were considered in a proceeding that included a public hearing held in Calgary beginning 21 February 2006.
3. In *Licensing of new radio stations to serve Calgary and Airdrie, Alberta – Introduction to Broadcasting Decisions CRTC 2006-321 to 2006-326*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2006-97, published today, the Commission concluded that the Calgary market would be able to absorb, without undue negative impact, the introduction of four new FM radio stations to serve Calgary, as well as one new radio station to provide local service to Airdrie, with an additional transmitter to serve Cochrane.
4. In *Alternative Rock FM radio station in Calgary*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-321, 2 August 2006, the Commission has approved an application by Harvard Broadcasting Inc. (Harvard) for a broadcasting licence to operate a new English-language commercial FM radio station to serve Calgary at 92.9 MHz.

5. In *Folk/Acoustic Specialty FM radio station in Calgary*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-322, 2 August 2006, the Commission has also approved an application by Rawlco Radio Ltd. for a broadcasting licence to operate a new English-language commercial FM radio station to serve Calgary at 100.3 MHz.
6. In *Adult Album Alternative FM radio station in Calgary*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-323, 2 August 2006, the Commission has approved in part an application by Newcap Inc. (Newcap) for a broadcasting licence to operate a new English-language commercial FM radio station to serve Calgary. Newcap proposed to operate its station at 92.9 MHz, which was technically mutually exclusive with the frequency proposed in the application by Harvard. The Commission has indicated that it is prepared to authorize Newcap to operate its station at 90.3 MHz. Newcap is to notify the Commission within three months of today's date, whether it would be prepared to do so, and if not, to propose the use of another frequency.
7. In *Hot Adult Contemporary FM radio station in Calgary*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-324, 2 August 2006, the Commission has further approved in part an application by CHUM Limited (CHUM) for a broadcasting licence to operate a new English-language commercial FM radio station to serve Calgary. CHUM proposed to operate its station at 90.3 MHz. Considering the overall quality of the applications, the Commission is of the view that Newcap's proposed service would represent optimal use of the last remaining Class C frequency available in Calgary: 90.3 MHz. Accordingly, the Commission's approval of the CHUM application is subject to CHUM filing an amendment to its application proposing the use of an acceptable alternative frequency within three months of today's date. The Commission notes that there are drop-in frequencies available for use in Calgary.
8. Finally, in *Eclectic Adult Contemporary FM station in Airdrie and Cochrane*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-325, 2 August 2006, the Commission has also approved in part an application by Tiessen Media Inc. (Tiessen), for a broadcasting licence to operate a new English-language commercial FM radio station in Airdrie at 106.1 MHz with a transmitter at Cochrane. Tiessen proposed to operate the transmitter in Cochrane at 99.1 MHz. However, in *CBK Regina, CHFA and CBX Edmonton, CKSB St-Boniface and CBW Winnipeg, and CBR Calgary – Addition of FM transmitters*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-84, 16 March 2006, the Commission awarded the use of frequency 99.1 MHz to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The Commission's approval of Tiessen's application is therefore subject to Tiessen filing an amendment to its application proposing the use of an acceptable alternative frequency for its transmitter in Cochrane, within three months of today's date.

9. In this decision, the Commission **denies** the eight remaining applications, which are listed in the appendix.

Secretary General

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## **Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-326**

The Commission **denies** the following applications proposing to establish FM radio stations at Calgary and Airdrie, as originally listed in Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2005-11, 20 December 2005, and amended by Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2005-11-1, 20 January 2006, and Broadcasting Notice of Public Hearing CRTC 2005-11-2, 1 February 2006.

### **Calgary**

**Touch Canada Broadcasting Inc.**

2005-0885-6

**1182743 Alberta Ltd.**

2005-0890-6

**Evanov Radio Group Inc., on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated**

2005-0901-0

**Calgary Independent Radio Broadcasters Inc.**

2005-0900-5

**Jim Pattison Broadcast Group Ltd. (the general partner) and Jim Pattison Industries Ltd. (the limited partner), carrying on business as Jim Pattison Broadcast Group Limited Partnership**

2005-0594-3

**Yadwinder S. Sivia, on behalf of a corporation to be incorporated**

2005-0893-9

### **Airdrie**

**Golden West Broadcasting Ltd.**

2005-0884-8

**Newcap Inc.**

2005-0122-2