Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-333

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Association des francophones du Nunavut

Igaluit, Nunavut

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CFRT-FM Iqaluit – Licence renewal

The Commission renews the broadcasting licence for the French-language Type A community radio station CFRT-FM Iqaluit from 1 January 2009 to 31 August 2012.

Introduction

- 1. The Commission received an application by the Association des francophones du Nunavut to renew the broadcasting licence for the French-language Type A community radio programming undertaking CFRT-FM Iqaluit, Nunavut. The licence expires 31 December 2008.¹
- 2. The licensee will broadcast 126 hours of programming per broadcast week, of which 60 hours will be produced locally. Community radio licensees have the flexibility to reduce or increase their weekly broadcast time by up to 20% without application to the Commission. A change of more than 20%, however, requires prior Commission approval.
- 3. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.

Non-compliance

4. The Commission notes that the licensee has failed to comply with subsection 9(2) of the *Radio Regulations*, 1986 (the Regulations) relating to the obligation to provide, no later than 30 November of each year, an annual return for the broadcast year ending on the previous 31 August. Specifically, the licensee submitted that it filed its annual return for the 2002 broadcast year on 3 March 2008. However, as the Commission did not receive this return, it expects the licensee to submit it again no later than 31 December 2008.

¹ In *Administrative renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2008-245, 29 August 2008, the Commission renewed the broadcasting licence for CFRT-FM Iqaluit from 1 September 2008 to 31 December 2008.



Commission's analysis and determination

- 5. The Commission has reviewed the renewal application and the licensee's file. Given that this infraction represents the licensee's first non-compliance, the Commission considers that it is appropriate to renew the licence for a short term of four years, in accordance with *Practices regarding radio non-compliance*, Circular No. 444, 7 May 2001. This short-term licence renewal will enable the Commission to assess at an earlier date the licensee's compliance with the Regulations and the station's conditions of licence.
- 6. Accordingly, the Commission **renews** the broadcasting licence for the French-language Type A community radio programming undertaking CFRT-FM Iqaluit from 1 January 2009 to 31 August 2012. The licence will be subject to the **conditions** set out in the appendix to this decision.

Secretary General

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 2008-333

Conditions of licence and encouragement for the French-language Type A community radio programming undertaking CFRT-FM Iqaluit, Nunavut

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, no less than 12% of its musical selections from category 3 (Special Interest Music) to Canadian selections broadcast in their entirety.
- 3. If the licensee broadcasts 42 or more hours of programming in any broadcast week, the licensee shall adhere to the Canadian Association of Broadcasters' *Equitable Portrayal Code*, as amended from time to time and approved by the Commission. However, the application of the foregoing condition of licence will be suspended if the licensee is a member in good standing of the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council.

Encouragement

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.