



## Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2005-243

Ottawa, 14 June 2005

### **Société radio communautaire Victoria**

Victoria, British Columbia

*Application 2004-1352-6*

*Public Hearing in the National Capital Region*

*18 April 2005*

### **Community radio station in Victoria**

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Société radio communautaire Victoria for a broadcasting licence to operate a French-language Type A FM community radio programming undertaking in Victoria, British Columbia. The station will operate at 107.9 MHz (channel 300A1) with an effective radiated power of 250 watts.
2. The station will broadcast 126 hours of programming in each broadcast week, including a minimum of 35 hours of programming produced by the station. The applicant will also broadcast programming originating from the Réseau francophone d'Amérique (RFA).
3. In accordance with the *Community radio policy*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-13, 28 January 2000 (Public Notice 2000-13), and further to the applicant's commitment, the Commission expects the applicant to devote at least 15% of the programming it airs in each broadcast week to community-oriented spoken word programming.
4. The applicant indicated that the new station will place priority on programming that features local and regional artists with a view to showcasing their culture and music. The station will also provide information on the artistic and literary activities of these artists. The community station also plans to interview artists working in the plastic arts, such as potters, ceramic artists and painters, etc. To appeal to Francophone listeners in the region, the station will provide programming featuring a variety of musical styles, such as Canadian music, retro, pop, folk, Cajun, rap, hip hop, disco, jazz, classical and world music. The station will have a mandate to broadcast public service announcements, weather reports, community news, local, regional, national and international information, sports reports, arts and cultural information and, occasionally, church services.
5. The applicant indicated that it will provide ongoing professional training to the station's volunteers. The applicant also plans to give students from the French-language Victor-Brodeur school in Victoria, as well as students from other schools that offer a French immersion program, the opportunity to take part in training and perhaps even management activities.

6. The Commission received many interventions in support of this application.
7. In accordance with Public Notice 2000-13, the licence for this community station will be issued to Société radio communautaire Victoria, a not-for-profit organization with no capital stock, whose structure allows members of the community to become members and take part in station management, operations and programming. The board of directors will be ultimately responsible for compliance with the *Radio Regulations, 1986* and the station's conditions of licence.
8. The licence will expire on 31 August 2011 and will be subject to the **conditions of licence** set out in *New licence form for community radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-157, 16 November 2000.

### **Issuance of the licence**

9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 14 juin 2007. In order to ensure that such a request is processed in a timely manner, it should be submitted at least 60 days before that date.

### **Employment equity**

12. 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

*This decision is to be appended to the licence. It is available in alternative format upon request, and may also be examined in PDF or HTML format at the following Internet site: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca>*