



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2005-550

Ottawa, 23 November 2005

Amherst Island Radio Broadcasting Inc.
Stella, Ontario

Application 2005-0513-3

Public Hearing at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
3 October 2005

English-language developmental community FM radio station in Stella

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Amherst Island Radio Broadcasting Inc. for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language developmental community FM radio programming undertaking in Stella, Ontario.
2. The new station will broadcast 126 hours of programming per week, of which a minimum of 28 hours will be live programming. The applicant indicated that it would exceed the minimum weekly Canadian content requirements by broadcasting 100% Canadian music during weekends.
3. Programming will showcase local musicians and other performing artists, community events, service groups and the history of Amherst Island. Programs will include tourist information, ferry schedules, road closures, council proceedings, news and weather. Station volunteers will consist of members from the community.
4. The new station will operate at frequency 93.7 MHz (channel 229LP) with an effective radiated power of 5 watts.
5. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
6. The licence will expire 31 August 2008. If the applicant wishes to continue the operation of the station beyond this period, an application for a regular community radio licence should be filed with the Commission, nine months before the expiry of this licence.
7. The licence will be subject to the **conditions** specified in *New licence form for community radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-157, 16 November 2000.

Issuance of the licence

8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
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 23 November 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 format or in HTML at the following Internet site: <http://www.crtc.gc.ca>