



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-642

Ottawa, 27 November 2006

The Mountain Culture Collective Radio Society

Whistler, British Columbia

Application 2006-0374-7

Public Hearing in Québec, Quebec

11 September 2006

English-language developmental community radio station in Whistler

1. The Commission **approves** the application by The Mountain Culture Collective Radio Society for a broadcasting licence to operate a very low-power English-language developmental community FM radio programming undertaking in Whistler, British Columbia.
2. The station will broadcast 126 hours of programming in each broadcast week. Programming will be produced in eight languages, including English and French. The spoken word programming will include documentary programs and adventure stories.
3. The station will feature local and visiting musical talent from the Whistler region. Other Canadian talent initiatives include airing unreleased material and recording of live performances at local music venues.
4. A training committee will assist in the training of volunteers, who will be offered regular workshops, on-air training, editorial training and programming information.
5. The Commission received interventions in support of this application.
6. The station will operate at 97.9 MHz (channel 250VLP) with an effective radiated power of 5 watts.
7. The licence will expire 31 August 2009. If the licensee wishes to continue the operation of the station beyond this period, it should file an application for a regular community radio licence with the Commission, nine months before the expiry of its licence.
8. 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

9. The Commission reminds the applicant that, pursuant to subsection 22(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, no licence may be issued until the Department of Industry (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 very 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. 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 27 November 2008. 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 applicant 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>