



## Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-653

Ottawa, 29 November 2006

### Prince George Community Radio Society

Prince George, British Columbia

*Application 2005-1363-1*

*Public Hearing in Québec, Quebec*

*11 September 2006*

### English-language developmental community FM radio station in Prince George

1. The Commission **approves** the application by the Prince George Community Radio Society for a broadcasting licence to operate an English-language developmental community FM radio programming undertaking in Prince George.
2. The applicant indicated that the proposed station will broadcast 126 hours of programming per week, of which approximately 32 hours will be devoted to spoken word programming that will include news, sports and community information. The new station will also broadcast talk shows, financial planning shows, book club programs, theatre and movie review discussions as well as sporting events and musical programming. In each broadcast week, the station will devote a minimum of two hours to programming in Aboriginal languages and a maximum of two hours to French-language programming. The applicant stated that it will take a number of steps to ensure that open-line programming always complies with the regulatory requirements for this type of programming.
3. The new station will operate at 93.1 MHz (channel 226VLP) with a transmitter power of 5 watts.
4. The Commission did not receive any interventions in connection with this application.
5. As stated in *Community Radio Policy*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-13, 28 January 2000 (Public Notice 2000-13), developmental community stations will generally be licensed for three years. Pursuant to Public Notice 2000-13, the licence for the present undertaking will expire 29 November 2009. If the applicant 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.
6. 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**

7. The Department of Industry (the Department) has advised the Commission that, while this application is conditionally technically acceptable, it will only issue a broadcast certificate when it has determined that the proposed technical parameters will not create any unacceptable interference with aeronautical NAV/COM services.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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 29 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 this date.

## **Employment equity**

11. 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>*