



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2007-381

Ottawa, 17 October, 2007

Trent Radio

Peterborough, Ontario

Application 2006-1458-8, received 13 November 2006

Public Hearing in the National Capital Region

27 August 2007

CFFF-FM Peterborough – New community radio station

*The Commission **approves** an application for a broadcasting licence to operate a Type B community radio programming undertaking in Peterborough, Ontario.*

Introduction

1. On 13 November 2006, the Commission received an application by Trent Radio to renew the broadcasting licence of the community-based campus radio programming undertaking CFFF-FM Peterborough.¹
2. The Commission first gazetted this application in Broadcasting Public Notice 2007-31. In this public notice, the Commission also noted that the licensee had advised the Commission that over the last licence term CFFF-FM's board of directors did not include representation from the university as required under Public Notice 2000-12 (the Campus radio policy).
3. In light of this information, the Commission was of the view that CFFF-FM's board of directors did not include balanced representation from the university and considered changing the station's class of licence from a community-based campus to a Type B community radio programming undertaking under the terms and conditions set out in Public Notice 2000-13 (the Community radio policy) and Public Notice 2000-157. The licensee agreed with the Commission's assessment and requested that the Commission change CFFF-FM's class of licence to a Type B community station. Accordingly, the Commission was of the view that it would be more appropriate to consider this application as an application for a new Type B community radio programming undertaking.
4. Given that a change in class of licence requires the issuance of a new licence, the application had to be processed via a public hearing. To that end, the Commission withdrew the application from Public Notice 2007-31 and rescheduled it to be heard as part of the 27 August 2007 Public Hearing.

¹ In Broadcasting Decision 2007-239, the Commission renewed the licence for CFFF-FM from 1 September 2007 to 29 February 2008.

Interventions

5. The Commission received one intervention in support of the application to change CFFF-FM's class of licence to a Type B community radio programming undertaking. In addition, the National Campus and Community Radio Association (NCRA) submitted a comment to express its concern that a change to CFFF-FM's class of licence could result in a reduction of funding to the station. The NCRA also encouraged the Commission to accept the application under the class of licence deemed most appropriate by the licensee.

Licensee's reply

6. In response to both interventions, Trent Radio stated that after considering its options, it was of the view that a Type B community radio programming undertaking would be the best class of licence for CFFF-FM.

Commission's analysis and determinations

7. Under the Community radio policy, a community radio station is one that is owned and controlled by a not-for-profit organization, the structure of which provides for membership, management, operation and programming primarily by members of the community at large. Trent Radio is a not-for-profit organization and has confirmed that it operates under such a structure.
8. In view of the foregoing, the Commission finds that CFFF-FM's operation reflects the role and mandate of a Type B community radio station as set out in Public Notice 2000- 13. Accordingly, the Commission **approves** the application by Trent Radio for a broadcasting licence to operate a Type B community radio programming undertaking in Peterborough, Ontario. This change in the type of licence will allow Trent Radio to continue its operation and comply with the appropriate regulatory framework. The terms and **conditions of licence** for the new undertaking are set out in the appendix to this decision.
9. Furthermore, since this change in class of licence requires the issuance of a new licence, pursuant to sections 9(1)(e) and 24(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, the Commission **revokes** the community-based campus radio programming licence for CFFF-FM.

Secretary General

Related documents

- *Administrative renewal*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2007-239, 19 July 2007
- Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2007-31, 26 March 2007
- *New licence form for community radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-157, 16 November 2000
- *Community radio policy*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-13, 28 January 2000
- *Campus radio policy*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-12, 28 January 2000

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 2007-381

Terms, conditions of licence and encouragement

Terms

Issuance of the broadcasting licence to operate an English-language Type B community FM radio programming undertaking in Peterborough, Ontario

The licence will expire 31 August 2014.

The station will operate at 92.7 MHz (channel 224A1) with an effective radiated power of 700 watts, the same technical parameters as those authorized under its previous community-based campus licence.

In accordance with *Community radio policy*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-13, 28 January 2000, the licence for this community radio station will be held by a not-for-profit organization without share capital whose structure provides for membership, management, operation and programming by members of the community at large. The board of directors will ultimately control the undertaking and be responsible for adherence to the *Radio Regulations, 1986* and the station's conditions of licence.

Conditions of licence

1. The licence shall 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, a minimum of 12% of its musical selections from content category 3 (Special Interest Music) to Canadian selections broadcast in their entirety.

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.