



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2020-291

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References: Part 1 licence renewal applications posted on 3 December 2019 and 5 June 2020; Part 1 applications posted on 3 December 2019

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Acadia Broadcasting Limited

Sioux Lookout, Hudson, Ignace, Red Lake and Ear Falls, Ontario; and Saint John and St. Stephen, New Brunswick

Public record for these applications: 2019-0880-8, 2019-0887-3, 2019-0890-7, 2019-0891-4, 2019-0897-2 and 2019-0899-8

CKDR-2-FM Sioux Lookout and its transmitters, and CKDR-5-FM Red Lake and its transmitter – Licence renewals; CHTD-FM St. Stephen and CHWV-FM Saint John – Licence renewals and licence amendments

Licence renewals

1. The Commission has the authority, pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act), to issue and renew licences for such terms not exceeding seven years and subject to such conditions related to the circumstances of the licensee as it deems appropriate for the implementation of the broadcasting policy set out in section 3(1) of the Act.
2. Consistent with that authority, the Commission **renews** the broadcasting licences for the following English-language commercial radio programming undertakings from 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2027. The Commission did not receive any interventions in regard to these licence renewal applications. The terms and **conditions of licence** for these stations are set out in the appendix to this decision.

Call sign and location	Application number
CKDR-2-FM Sioux Lookout, Ontario, and its transmitters CKDR-3 Hudson and CKDR-FM-1 Ignace	2019-0880-8
CKDR-5-FM Red Lake, Ontario, and its transmitter CKDR-FM-4 Ear Falls	2019-0887-3
CHTD-FM St. Stephen, New Brunswick	2019-0891-4
CHWV-FM Saint John, New Brunswick	2019-0890-7

Licence amendments for CHTD-FM St. Stephen and CHWV-FM Saint John

3. Sections 3(1)(e) and 3(1)(s)(i) of the Act declare that each element of the Canadian broadcasting system shall contribute in an appropriate manner to the creation and presentation of Canadian programming and that private networks and programming undertakings should, to an extent consistent with the financial and other resources available to them, contribute significantly to the creation and presentation of Canadian programming. In accordance with this aspect of the broadcasting policy and pursuant to its authority in section 9(1), the Commission has imposed conditions of licence requiring programming undertakings to contribute in various ways to the creation of Canadian programming, including contributions to Canadian content development (CCD).
4. As part of its licence renewal applications, Acadia Broadcasting Limited (Acadia) requested amendments to the broadcasting licences for CHTD-FM St. Stephen (2019-0897-2) and CHWV-FM Saint John (2019-0899-8) in order to delete the stations' conditions of licence relating to over-and-above CCD contributions. These conditions of licence, set out in Appendices 10 (CHTD-FM) and 11 (CHWV-FM) to *Various commercial radio programming undertakings – Licence renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2013-460, 30 August 2013, currently read as follows:

For CHTD-FM:

2. The licensee shall, in addition to its basic contributions to Canadian content development (CCD) as required by section 15 of the *Radio Regulations, 1986*, devote \$2,000 annually towards parties and initiatives fulfilling the definition of eligible CCD initiatives set out in paragraph 108 of *Commercial Radio Policy 2006*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2006-158, 15 December 2006.

For CHWV-FM:

2. The licensee shall, in addition to its basic contributions to Canadian content development (CCD) as required by section 15 of the *Radio Regulations, 1986*, devote \$4,000 annually towards parties and initiatives fulfilling the definition of eligible CCD initiatives set out in paragraph 108 of *Commercial Radio Policy 2006*, Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2006-158, 15 December 2006.
5. Acadia stated that the requested amendments regarding these conditions of licence are to effect a normal end of over-and-above CCD commitments for the two stations.
6. The Commission did not receive any interventions in regard to these licence amendment requests.
7. It is the Commission's general practice to require that new radio stations make over-and-above CCD contributions, to be paid over seven consecutive broadcast years and to begin upon commencement of a station's operations.

8. For CHTD-FM and CHWV-FM, Acadia has been subject to over-and-above CCD conditions of licence since 2000 and has therefore made contributions in this regard for well beyond the required seven consecutive broadcast years. The Commission therefore considers that it would be appropriate to delete CHTD-FM's and CHWV-FM's over-and-above CCD conditions of licence for the next licence term. Accordingly, the Commission **approve** Acadia's requests.

Reminder

9. Pursuant to section 22 of the Act, the broadcasting licences renewed in this decision will cease to have any force or effect if the broadcasting certificates issued by the Department of Industry lapse.

Employment equity

10. Because Acadia is subject to the *Employment Equity Act* and files reports concerning employment equity with the Department of Employment and Social Development, its employment equity practices are not examined by the Commission.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to each licence.

Appendix to Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2020-29

Terms, conditions of licence and expectation for the English-language commercial radio programming undertakings CKDR-2-FM Sioux Lookout, Ontario, and its transmitters CKDR-3 Hudson and CKDR-FM-1 Ignace; CKDR-5-FM Red Lake, Ontario, and its transmitter CKDR-FM-4 Ear Falls; CHWV-FM Saint John; and CHTD-FM St. Stephen

Terms

The licence will expire 31 August 2027.

Conditions of licence applicable to CHWV-FM Saint John and CHTD-FM St. Stephen

1. The licensee shall adhere to the conditions set out in *Conditions of licence for commercial AM and FM radio stations*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2009-62, 11 February 2009, as well as to the conditions set out in the broadcasting licence for the undertaking.

Conditions of licence applicable to CKDR-2-FM Sioux Lookout and its transmitters CKDR-3 Hudson and CKDR-FM-1 Ignace; and CKDR-5-FM Red Lake and its transmitter CKDR-FM-4 Ear Falls

2. The licensee shall adhere to the conditions set out in *Conditions of licence for commercial AM and FM radio stations*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2009-62, 11 February 2009, with the exception of condition of licence 8 relating to single-station markets, as well as to the conditions set out in the broadcasting licence for the undertaking.

Expectation applicable to all stations

The Commission expects the licensee to reflect the cultural diversity of Canada in its programming and employment practices.