



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2021-80

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Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta
Edmonton and Janvier, Alberta

Public record for this application: 2020-0648-6

CFWE-FM-4 Edmonton – New transmitter in Janvier

1. The Commission has the authority, pursuant to section 9(1) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act), to issue licences subject to such conditions related to the circumstances of the licensee as the Commission deems appropriate for the implementation of the broadcasting policy set out in section 3(1) of the Act and to amend those conditions on application of the licensee.
2. Pursuant to this authority, the Commission **approves** the application by Aboriginal Multi-Media Society of Alberta (AMMSA) to amend the broadcasting licence for the Indigenous (Type B Native)¹ radio programming undertaking CFWE-FM-4 Edmonton, Alberta, to add a low-power FM rebroadcasting transmitter in Janvier, Alberta, to serve the Chipewyan Prairie First Nation. The Commission did not receive any interventions in regard to this application.
3. The new transmitter will operate at 89.9 MHz (channel 210LP) with an effective radiated power of 50 watts (non-directional antenna with an effective height of the antenna above average terrain of 44.9 metres).
4. AMMSA noted that the Chipewyan Prairie First Nation has no over-the-air access to a radio service targeted to Indigenous communities because of its remote location approximately 94 km southeast of Fort McMurray. The licensee has previously broadcast to this community, and it submitted that it has received many requests to restore the service. AMMSA stated that the addition of this rebroadcasting transmitter would provide the Chipewyan Prairie First Nation with a radio service that includes programming in its native languages as well as coverage and awareness of issues, events and news from the region that are specifically relevant to First Nations Peoples.

¹ Type B Native stations, as defined in *Native Broadcasting Policy*, Public Notice CRTC 1990-89, 20 September 1990, are referred to as Indigenous stations in this decision.

5. Pursuant to section 22(1) of the Act, this authority will be effective only when the Department of Industry (the Department) notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.
6. The Department's *BPR-3: Application Procedures and Rules for FM Broadcasting Undertakings* specifies that a low-power FM rebroadcasting transmitter is considered a secondary assignment operating on an unprotected channel. Should an FM station or transmitter with protected status be granted a frequency that is incompatible with that used by the low-power transmitter approved in this decision, the licensee may need to cease the operation of that low-power transmitter or to file an application to change its frequency and technical parameters.
7. The transmitter must be in operation by no later than **22 February 2023**. To request an extension, the licensee must submit a written request to the Commission at least 60 days before that date, using the form available on the Commission's website.

Secretary General

This decision is to be appended to the licence.