



Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2026-162

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Notice of hearing

10 September 2026
National Capital Region

Deadline for submission of interventions/comments/answers: 6 August 2026

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The Commission will hold a virtual hearing on **10 September 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the National Capital Region**. The Commission intends to consider the following applications, subject to interventions, without the appearance of the parties:

Applicants/Licensees and Locality

1. **Radio La Voix des Collines**
Chelsea, Quebec
Application 2023-0263-6
2. **Hope Channel Canada**
Saint John and Moncton, New Brunswick
Application 2025-0576-9
3. **9238476 Canada Inc.**
Hudson and Saint-Lazare, Quebec
Application 2026-0156-7

Applications

1. **Radio La Voix des Collines**
Chelsea, Quebec
Application 2023-0263-6

Application by Radio La Voix des Collines for a broadcasting licence to operate a French-language community FM radio station in Chelsea, Quebec.

The station would operate at 107.5 MHz (channel 298A1) with an effective radiated power (ERP) of 85 watts (omnidirectional antenna with an effective height of antenna above average terrain [EHAAT] of -56.4 metres).

The applicant proposed to increase the proposed station's coverage and revenues by also broadcasting its programming on an HD signal. This would be made possible through an agreement with the radio station Unique FM (CJFO-FM Ottawa, Ontario), operated by Radio de la communauté francophone d'Ottawa.

The applicant also proposed to broadcast 126 hours of programming per broadcast week, of which 125 hours would be devoted to local programming. The complementary programming would be provided by the Association des radios communautaires du Québec.

The applicant further proposed to broadcast approximately 3 hours and 45 minutes of English-language programming per broadcast week.

The application would have very little or no commercial impact. Therefore, the Commission will examine this application during this proceeding, given that it would fall under an exception to the issuance of a call for comments on market capacity and the appropriateness of issuing a call for radio applications, as set out in Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2014-554.

Should the Commission approve the application, it proposes to make orders pursuant to subsection 9.1(1) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act) requiring the licensee to adhere to:

- the standard conditions of service for community stations set out in Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2012-304;
- the conditions of service applicable to all FM stations set out in Appendix 1 to Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2025-265 and in Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2025-265-1;
- all applicable requirements set out in the *Radio Regulations, 1986*, that were made under paragraphs 10(1)(a) and 10(1)(i) of the old Act;
- the standard conditions of service relating to the implementation of the National Public Alerting System (NPAS) and to advising the Commission after the installation of the alerting equipment. All licensees of community radio stations are subject to these requirements; and
- a condition of service allowing the licensee to devote up to 3 hours and 45 minutes per broadcast week to English-language programming.

Further obligations that would reflect issues raised on the record of this proceeding may also be imposed by way of orders. This proceeding provides the opportunity for the applicant and the public to comment on these issues and any orders that may arise as a result.

Consistent with subsection 9.1(4) of the Act, interested persons may, as part of this process, make representations to the Commission with respect to the proposed orders in this application.

The Commission may withdraw this application from the public hearing if it is not advised by the Department of Industry (also known as Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada), at least 20 days prior to the hearing, that the application is technically acceptable.

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**2. Hope Channel Canada
Saint John and Moncton, New Brunswick
Application 2025-0576-9**

Application by Hope Channel Canada (HCC) for authority to change the ownership and effective control of the English-language commercial religious specialty FM radio programming undertakings operating the stations CJRP-FM Saint John and its transmitter CJRP-FM-1 Rothesay, and CKOE-FM Moncton, New Brunswick. Through this transaction, HCC would acquire from DARR-FM Radio Ltd. and Houssen Broadcasting Ltd. the assets necessary to operate CJRP-FM and its transmitter, and CKOE-FM, respectively. Following the closing of the transaction and subject to the Commission's approval, HCC would become the licensee of the above-listed undertakings in New Brunswick.

HCC requested new broadcasting licences to continue operating the stations under the same terms and conditions as those currently in effect.

Pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement, HCC would purchase the assets of CJRP-FM and CJRP-FM-1 for \$80,000 and the assets of CKOE-FM for \$40,000. The applicant proposed a total value of the transaction of \$120,000.

HCC requested an exception from the requirement to pay tangible benefits, citing the relatively low value of the transaction and the charitable not-for-profit status of the applicant. In support of this request, HCC also indicated that it would be in the public interest for those funds to be reinvested to enable the acquired stations to be stabilized and maintained.

Should the Commission deny this exception, HCC proposed a tangible benefits package equal to 6% of the stated value of the transaction, to be allocated as prescribed in the Tangible Benefits Policy¹ and the Revised Commercial Radio Policy².

Should the Commission approve the application but decline to approve the requested exception to the requirement to pay tangible benefits, it proposes to make an order pursuant to subsection 11.1(2) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act) requiring the new licensee to make expenditures in the form of tangible benefits.

Should the Commission approve the application, it proposes to make an order for each station pursuant to subsection 9.1(1) of the Act requiring the new licensee to adhere to the same conditions of service as those currently in effect for the stations.

For CJRP-FM and its transmitter CJRP-FM-1, these conditions of service are set out in Broadcasting Decision 2023-223.

The conditions of service for CKOE-FM are set out in Broadcasting Decision 2019-160.

Should the Commission approve the application, it further proposes to make orders pursuant to subsection 9.1(1) of the Act requiring the new licensee to adhere to:

- the applicable conditions of service set out in Appendix 1 to Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2025-265 and in Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2025-265-1;
- all applicable requirements set out in the *Radio Regulations, 1986*, that were made under paragraphs 10(1)(a) and 10(1)(i) of the old Act; and
- the standard conditions of service relating to the implementation of the National Public Alerting System (NPAS) and to advising the Commission after the installation of the alerting equipment. All licensees of commercial radio stations are subject to these requirements.

Further obligations that would reflect issues raised on the record of this proceeding may also be imposed by way of orders. This proceeding provides the opportunity for the applicant and the public to comment on these issues and any orders that may arise as a result.

Consistent with subsections 9.1(4) and 11.1(7) of the Act, interested persons may, as part of this process, make representations to the Commission with respect to the proposed orders.

Applicant's contact information:

¹ See Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2014-459.

² See Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2022-332.

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3. 9238476 Canada Inc.
Hudson and Saint-Lazare, Quebec
Application 2026-0156-7

Application by 9238476 Canada Inc. (Torres Media) for authority to change the ownership and effective control of the English-language commercial FM radio programming undertaking operating the station CHSV-FM Hudson and Saint-Lazare, Quebec. Through this transaction, Torres Media would acquire from Evanov Radio Group Inc. (ERG) the assets necessary to operate the station. Following the closing of the transaction and subject to the Commission's approval, Torres Media would become the licensee of CHSV-FM.

Torres Media requested a new broadcasting licence to continue operating the station under the same terms and conditions as those currently in effect.

Torres Media is owned by the Ed Torres Family Trust (45.26%), the Frank Torres Family Trust (45.26%) and Todd Bernard (9.48%). Edward Torres exercises control of Torres Media.

ERG is wholly owned by Evanov Communications Inc. and is majority controlled by Paul Evanov (98.97%).

Pursuant to the Asset Purchase Agreement, Torres Media would purchase the assets of the station for \$300,000. The applicant proposed a value of the transaction of \$300,000. The applicant will be assuming a lease for the transmitting tower; however, it claims that the value of the lease should not be included in the value of the transaction.

Pursuant to Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2014-459, the applicant proposed a tangible benefits package of \$18,000, which represents 6% of the value of the transaction. However, the applicant requested an exception and wishes to reallocate the 6% of the total value of the transaction to fund news programming that serves Hudson/Saint-Lazare and the community served by CHSV.

Should the Commission deny Torres Media's request to allocate the tangible benefits on news programming, it proposes to make an order pursuant to subsection 11.1(2) of the *Broadcasting Act* (the Act) requiring the new licensee to make expenditures in the form of tangible benefits in accordance with the Tangible Benefits Policy³, as updated in the Revised Commercial Radio Policy⁴.

³ See Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2014-459.

⁴ See Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2022-332.

Should Torres Media's request relating to tangible benefits be granted, the Commission proposes to make an order to that effect.

Should the Commission approve the application, it proposes to make an order pursuant to subsection 9.1(1) of the Act requiring the new licensee to adhere to the same conditions of service as those currently in effect for the station. These conditions of service are set out in Broadcasting Decision 2019-158.

Should the Commission approve the application, it further proposes to make orders pursuant to subsection 9.1(1) of the Act requiring the new licensee to adhere to:

- the applicable conditions of service set out in Appendix 1 to Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2025-265 and in Broadcasting Regulatory Policy 2025-265-1;
- all applicable requirements set out in the *Radio Regulations, 1986*, that were made under paragraphs 10(1)(a) and 10(1)(i) of the old Act; and
- the standard conditions of service relating to the implementation of the National Public Alerting System (NPAS) and to advising the Commission after the installation of the alerting equipment. All licensees of commercial radio stations are subject to these requirements.

Furthermore, the Commission proposes to order the new licensee to file, each year, all proof of payment and eligibility regarding these contributions, and to do so in a form deemed acceptable by the Commission.

Further obligations that would reflect issues raised on the record of this proceeding may also be imposed by way of orders. This proceeding provides the opportunity for the applicant and the public to comment on these issues and any orders that may arise as a result.

Consistent with subsections 9.1(4) and 11.1(7) of the Act, interested persons may, as part of this process, make representations to the Commission with respect to the proposed orders.

The Commission reminds the applicant that all situations of apparent non-compliance will be examined in an upcoming public process as part of a compliance approach adapted to the introduction of licences with indefinite terms, as described in Broadcasting Notice of Consultation 2026-115.

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Procedure

Deadline for interventions, comments or answers

6 August 2026

The *Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure* (the Rules of Procedure) apply to the present proceeding. Accordingly, the procedure set out below must be read in conjunction with the Rules of Procedure and related documents, which can be found on the Commission's website under [Acts and Regulations](#). The guidelines set out in Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin 2010-959 provide information to help interested persons and parties understand the Rules of Procedure so that they can more effectively participate in Commission proceedings.

An intervention or answer from a respondent must be filed with the Commission and served on the applicant on or before the above-mentioned date. An answer from a respondent must also be served on any other respondent.

Interventions and answers must clearly identify the application referred to and indicate whether parties support or oppose the application, or, if they propose changes to it, include the facts and grounds for their proposal.

Interested persons and parties can coordinate, organize, and file, in a single submission, interventions by other interested persons or parties who share their position. Information on how to file this type of submission, known as a joint supporting intervention, as well as a template for the covering letter to be filed by the parties, can be found in Broadcasting Information Bulletin 2010-28-1.

The Commission encourages interested persons and parties to monitor the record of the proceeding, available on the Commission's website, for additional information that they may find useful when preparing their submissions.

Submissions longer than five pages should include a summary. Each paragraph of all submissions should be numbered, and the line *****End of document***** should follow the last paragraph. This will help the Commission verify that the document has not been damaged during electronic transmission.

Pursuant to Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin 2015-242, the Commission expects incorporated entities and associations, and encourages all interested persons and parties, to file submissions for Commission proceedings in accessible formats (for example, text-based file formats that allow text to be enlarged, modified, or read by screen readers). To provide assistance in this

regard, the Commission has posted on its website [guidelines](#) for preparing documents in accessible formats.

For more information on accessibility and accommodations in Commission proceedings, please see Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin 2025-95.

Submissions must be filed by sending them to the Secretary General of the Commission using **only one** of the following means:

by completing the
[\[Intervention/comment/answer form\]](#)

or

by mail to
CRTC, Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0N2

or

by fax at
819-994-0218

A true copy of each intervention or answer from a respondent must be sent to the applicant and, in the case of a respondent to an application, to any other respondent.

Parties who send documents electronically must ensure that they will be able to prove, upon Commission request, that filing, or where required, service of a particular document was completed. Accordingly, parties must keep proof of the sending and receipt of each document for 180 days after the date on which the document is filed or served. The Commission advises parties who file or serve documents by electronic means to exercise caution when using e-mail for the service of documents, as it may be difficult to establish that service has occurred.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, a document must be received by the Commission and all relevant parties by 5 p.m. Vancouver time (8 p.m. Gatineau time) on the date it is due. Parties are responsible for ensuring the timely delivery of their submissions and will not be notified if their submissions are received after the deadline. Late submissions, including those due to postal delays, will not be considered by the Commission and will not be made part of the public record.

The Commission will not formally acknowledge submissions. It will, however, fully consider all submissions, which will form part of the public record of the proceeding, provided that the procedure for filing set out above has been followed.

In the event that an application to be considered during the non-appearing phase of the hearing is brought to an oral phase of the hearing, and if they wish to appear, they must provide reasons why

their written interventions or answers are not sufficient and why an appearance is necessary. Parties requiring communication support must state their request on the first page of their intervention. Only those parties whose requests to appear have been granted will be contacted by the Commission and invited to appear at the public hearing.

Privacy notice

Please note the following:

- Documents will be posted on the Commission's website exactly as received, in the official language and format in which they are received. This includes any personal information contained in them, such as full names, email addresses, postal/street addresses, and telephone and fax numbers.
- All personal information parties provide as part of this proceeding, except information designated as confidential, will be posted on the Commission's website and can be accessed by others.
- However, the information parties provide can only be accessed from the web page of this particular proceeding. As a result, a general search of the Commission's website using either its search engine or a third-party search engine will not provide access to the information that was provided as part of this proceeding.
- Personal information that parties provide may be used by the Commission for the purpose the information was obtained, or for a similar purpose.

Availability of documents

Electronic versions of the applications are available on the Commission's website at www.crtc.gc.ca by selecting the application number within this notice. They are also available from the applicants, either on their websites or upon request by contacting the applicants at their email addresses, provided above.

Links to interventions, replies and answers filed for this proceeding, as well as other documents referred to in this notice, are available on the Commission's [Consultations and hearings: have your say](#) page.

Documents are available upon request during normal business hours by contacting:

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Related documents

- *Call for comments – Radio licence renewals for an indefinite term*, Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2026-115, 5 June 2026
- *Modernizing radio processes*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2025-265, 10 October 2025; amended by *Modernizing radio processes*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2025-265-1, 9 January 2026
- *Accessibility guidelines and accommodations*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2025-95, 14 May 2025
- *CJRP-FM Saint John and its transmitter CJRP-FM-1 Rothesay – Licence renewal*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2023-223, 27 July 2023
- *Revised Commercial Radio Policy*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2022-332, 7 December 2022
- *CKOE-FM Moncton; and CION-FM Québec and its transmitters – Licence renewals*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2019-160, 17 May 2019
- *CHSV-FM Hudson/Saint-Lazare – Licence renewal*, Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2019-158, 16 May 2019
- *Filing submissions in accessible formats for Commission proceedings*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2015-242, 8 June 2015
- *Targeted policy review of the commercial radio sector*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2014-554, 28 October 2014
- *Simplified approach to tangible benefits and determining the value of the transaction*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2014-459, 5 September 2014
- *Standard conditions of licence for campus and community radio stations*, Broadcasting Regulatory Policy CRTC 2012-304, 22 May 2012
- *Guidelines on the CRTC Rules of Practice and Procedure*, Broadcasting and Telecom Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-959, 23 December 2010

- *Amendments to certain filing practices for interventions – Application of filing practices to joint supporting comments filed in a broadcasting policy proceeding*, Broadcasting Information Bulletin CRTC 2010-28-1, 10 December 2010