



Broadcasting Public Notice CRTC 2005-70

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR BROADCASTING LICENCES TO CARRY ON RADIO PROGRAMMING UNDERTAKINGS TO SERVE FORT MCMURRAY, ALBERTA

The Commission announces that it has received an application for a broadcasting licence to carry on a commercial radio programming undertaking to serve Fort McMurray.

The Commission hereby calls for applications from other parties wishing to obtain a broadcasting licence (or licences) to operate a radio programming undertaking to serve this area.

Persons interested in responding to this call must submit a formal application to the Commission no later than **20 September 2005**. Applicants are also required to submit all necessary technical documentation to the Department of Industry by the same date.

It should be noted that, in making this call, the Commission has not reached any conclusion with respect to the licensing of any service at this time.

Applicants will be required to provide evidence giving clear indication that there is a demand and a market for the station and the proposed service. Without restricting the scope of the issues to be considered, the following should be addressed:

1. The contribution that the proposed service will make to achieving the objectives established in the *Broadcasting Act* and, in particular, to the production of local and regional programming.
2. The factors relevant to the evaluation of applications, as outlined in Decision CRTC 1999-480 dated 28 October 1999.
3. The means by which the applicant will promote the development of Canadian talent, including local and regional talent.
4. An analysis of the markets involved and potential advertising revenues, taking into account the results of any survey undertaken supporting the estimates.
5. Evidence as to the availability of financial resources consistent with the requirements established in the financial projections of the applicant's business plan. For the convenience of applicants, the Commission has available upon request a document entitled *Documentation Required by the Commission to Support the Availability of an Applicant's Proposed Financing*.

The Commission notes that, in accordance with the Guidelines respecting the confidential treatment of annual returns (Circular 429), an aggregate financial summary for the Fort McMurray market cannot be made available due to the limited number of incumbents serving that market.

The Commission also reminds applicants that they must comply with the eligibility requirements set out in the *Direction to the CRTC (Ineligibility of Non-Canadians)*, SOR/97-192, dated 8 April 1997, as amended by SOR/98-1268, dated 15 July 1998 and the *Direction to the CRTC (Ineligibility to Hold Broadcasting Licences)*, SOR/85-627, dated 27 June 1985, as amended by SOR/97-231, dated 22 April 1997.

The Commission will announce at a later date the public process for considering applications and where they may be examined by the public. As part of that process, the public will be given the opportunity to comment on any application by submitting written intervention(s) to the CRTC.

Notice of each application will also be published in newspapers of general circulation within the area to be served.

Applications filed in response to this call must be forwarded in electronic form using Epass.

For instructions on how to file applications using Epass, consult the CRTC web site at <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/file.htm>

Applicants who are unable to file their applications using Epass should contact Daniel Binette, Specialist, External Liaison, for information on alternate filing options. You may reach Mr. Binette by phone at (819) 953-4405 or by e-mail at daniel.binette@crtc.gc.ca

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