



Broadcasting Decision CRTC 2006-160

Ottawa, 21 April 2006

Erin Community Radio

Erin, Ontario

Application 2005-0892-1

Public Hearing at Calgary, Alberta

21 February 2006

Community radio station in Erin

1. The Commission **approves** the application by Erin Community Radio for a broadcasting licence to operate a low-power English-language Type B community FM radio programming undertaking in Erin, Ontario.
2. The station will broadcast 126 hours of programming in each broadcast week, of which 116 hours will be locally produced. The local programming will include local and regional news, sports, weather, current events, coverage of town council meetings and lifestyle programs. In each broadcast week, the new station will offer three hours of French-language programs and one hour of Aboriginal-language programs. It will also devote up to 8% of its weekly schedule to ethnic programming.
3. In the area of music, the station will draw from a broad range of categories, including country, folk, jazz and blues.
4. The proposed station will broadcast a locally produced live showcase and interviews to promote local and other Canadian musical artists. Local theatre talent will also be featured in radio dramas and programs about new Canadian artists and playwrights.
5. A training committee will assist in the training of volunteers, who will be supervised by members with broadcast experience.
6. The Commission received interventions in support of this application.
7. The Commission reminds the applicant that, pursuant to *Community Radio Policy*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-13, 28 January 2000 (the Community Radio Policy), Type B community radio stations are required, by condition of licence, to devote a minimum of 25% of their programming during each broadcast week to spoken word.

8. In accordance with the Community Radio Policy, 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.
9. The station will operate at 101.5 MHz (channel 268LP) with an effective radiated power of 50 watts.
10. The licence will expire 31 August 2012, and will be subject to the **conditions** set out in *New licence form for community radio stations*, Public Notice CRTC 2000-157, 16 November 2000.

Issuance of the licence

11. The Commission reminds the applicant that, pursuant to subsection 22(1) of the *Broadcasting Act*, no licence may be issued until the Department of Industry (the Department) notifies the Commission that its technical requirements have been met, and that a broadcasting certificate will be issued.
12. Given that the technical parameters approved in this decision are for a low-power unprotected FM service, the Commission also reminds the applicant that it will have to select another frequency if the Department so requires.
13. The licence for this undertaking will be issued once the applicant has informed the Commission in writing that it is prepared to commence operations. The undertaking must be operational at the earliest possible date and, in any event, no later than 24 months from the date of this decision, unless a request for an extension of time is approved by the Commission before 21 April 2008. In order to ensure that such a request is processed in a timely manner, it should be submitted at least 60 days before that date.

Employment equity

14. 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 applicant to consider these issues in its hiring practices and in all other aspects of its management of human resources.

Secretary General

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>

