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Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission
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Re: Application No. 2007-1211-8 Rossland Radio Co-operative

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Dear Secretary General,

1. The National Campus and Community Radio Association/l'Association nationale des radios étudiantes et communautaires (NCRA/ANREC) supports the application by Rossland Radio Cooperative for a license to operate an English-language FM developmental community radio programming undertaking in Rossland, B.C.
2. The NCRA/ANREC is a not-for profit National Association working to recognize, support and encourage not-for profit, volunteer-based, public access campus and community-based broadcasters in Canada. We provide advice and advocacy for individual stations, and conduct lobbying and policy development initiatives with a view to advancing the role and increasing the effectiveness of our sector.
3. Rossland is an historic town of 3,500 people, nestled in the mountains halfway between Calgary and Vancouver near the U.S. border. Due to its small size and remote location, Rossland is not currently well served by transportation, government services, or commercial media.
4. In 2005, a dedicated group of volunteers began the planning of the Rossland Radio Cooperative, and they have been broadcasting by internet since June 2006, with the slogan "Your Voice in the Wilderness". As in many small isolated communities, the radio station has already come to play an extremely important role in facilitating communication on local issues, while also providing local information, exposure to local musicians, opportunities for training, access to the airwaves, and a venue for community members to come together. The Cooperative has thus far been extremely successful in attracting a diverse group of members and volunteers.
5. Based on its furtherance of the stated objectives of the Community Radio Policy (PN CRTC 2000-13), and the fact that Rossland otherwise has no local media service, we support Rossland Radio Co-operative's endeavour to create an independent not-for-profit community-owned radio station.
6. In light of this, we encourage the Commission to approve Rossland Radio Co-operative's application.

Sincerely,
Catherine Fisher, NCRA/ANREC

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