



June 12, 2008

Re: Application No. 2008-0225-8, Tantramar Community Radio Society

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 the Tantramar Community Radio Society, the newest NCRA/ANREC member, for a license to operate an English-language FM Type B community radio programming undertaking in Amherst, Nova Scotia.

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. Amherst, Nova Scotia is an historic town of 9,500 people positioned near the New Brunswick border. The settlement's location in the geographic centre of the Maritime Provinces provides Tantramar Community Radio an opportunity to broadcast to communities in both provinces.

4. The society is supported by a strong core of volunteers who intend to provide their community access to musical programming not offered by commercial broadcasters in Cumberland County. The organization also intends to showcase the considerable homegrown Maritime musical talent which contributes to the spirit of the region.

5. Community radio stations like Tantramar can play an extremely important role in their communities; facilitating communication on local issues, providing local information, exposure to local musicians, opportunities for training, access to the airwaves, and a venue for community members to come together in an environment where diversity is celebrated.

6. Based on its furtherance of the stated objectives of the Community Radio Policy (PN CRTC 2000-13), we support the Tantramar Community Radio Society's endeavour to create an independent not-for-profit community-owned radio station.

11. In light of this, we encourage the Commission to approve the Tantramar Community Radio Society's application.

Sincerely,

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NCRA Board Member / Membership Services portfolio

cc: Tantramar Community Radio Society

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