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Robert A. Morin, Secretary General
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N2

Dear Secretary General:

**RE: Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2011-336, Stoke Radio Society,
2011-0464-5**

1. The National Campus and Community Radio Association/l' Association nationale des radios étudiantes et communautaires ("NCRA/ANREC") wishes to support an application by the Stoke Radio Society (SRS) for a broadcasting license to operate an English-language FM developmental community radio programming undertaking in Revelstoke, BC.
2. The NCRA/ANREC is a not-for-profit national association working to recognize, support, and encourage volunteer-based, non-profit, public-access campus and community-based broadcasters in Canada. We provide advice and advocacy for individual stations, and conduct lobbying and policy development initiatives for the sector with a view to advancing the role and increasing the effectiveness of our sector. Our goals are to ensure stability and support for individual stations, and to promote the long-term growth and effectiveness of the sector.
3. Revelstoke is a small city of less than 8,000 people in the remote Kootenay Rockies region of B.C. It is a historical hub of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the CPR continues to play a significant role in the local economy. Other resource based industries, such as mining and forestry also contribute to the local economy, as well as tourism and government services.

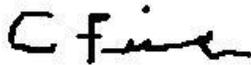
4. Revelstoke is not well-served by local media, and terrestrial radio listeners have few options and minimal sources for local information. The NCRA/ANREC therefore believes that Revelstoke would benefit from a community-access radio station like the one proposed by Stoke Radio.

5. We recognize the efforts of Stoke Radio volunteers to create a new organization for this purpose, and to begin developing the infrastructure and organizational capacity to carry out this goal.

6. We appreciate Stoke Radio's stated commitment to supporting local artists, providing opportunities for students, developing locally relevant spoken word content, and devoting programming time to locally-produced French and Aboriginal programming. These commitments embody the spirit of community radio and illustrate the positive impact a station like Stoke Radio could have on its local community.

7. The NCRA/ANREC therefore supports the efforts of Stoke Radio volunteers to establish a community radio station and we intend to offer assistance and resources to them as they continue to develop their proposed radio service.

Sincerely,



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cc: Stoke Radio Society

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