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Canadian Radio-television
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Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N2

Secretary General:

Re: Broadcasting Notice of Consultation CRTC 2014-127

(Renewal of broadcasting licences for campus and community radio programming undertakings expiring 31 August 2014)

In support of the following applications:

The Simon Fraser Campus Radio Society ("CJSF-FM")

The First Alberta Campus Radio Association ("CJSR-FM")

1. We are writing in support of renewal applications by the Simon Fraser Campus Radio Society ("CJSF-FM") and the First Alberta Campus Radio Association ("CJSR-FM"). These stations have been found in compliance, and we note that the Commission intends to renew these broadcasting licences for a full seven-year term, subject to interventions. We request the opportunity to appear if there is a hearing.
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 campus and community (“c/c”) 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.

3. CJSF-FM, which broadcasts from Simon Fraser University (“SFU”) to most of Greater Vancouver, was started in 1966 by students broadcasting to parts of the campus from a janitor’s closet. CJSF-FM was granted an FM license in 2002 and began broadcasting in 2003. The station is run by a small paid staff, several volunteer department coordinators and over 150 volunteers drawn from the campus and the community at large.

4. CJSF-FM’s programming schedule is diverse, including local arts coverage, current affairs, politics, social justice issues, and minor league sports. They also air a weekly program on mental health and wellness, and they recently began collaborating with local promoters to air a weekly program of SLAM poetry featuring local poets recorded each week at a local venue.

5. In partnership with a university host, CFSF-FM also produces a program called “SFU Ideas and Issues”, which features lectures, panels, and interviews and more from the SFU campus and its communities. In the past six months the show has discussed diverse subjects like restorative justice, public transit, urban development and planning, recent grad research, Islamic art, Korean music, traffic management, and media democracy.

6. CJSF-FM regularly contributes programs that are broadcast by other stations in the sector, including several recent radio documentaries on Aboriginal topics. They also contribute regularly to the NCRA/ANREC’s national radio news magazine, GroundWire.

7. CJSR-FM, located at the University of Alberta, started broadcasting to the city of Edmonton and surrounding areas in 1984, although it has its roots in the Alberta Student Radio Directorate which started in 1946.

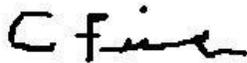
8. Like CJSF-FM, CJSR-FM’s programming schedule is diverse, featuring shows about feminism, Aboriginal topics, professional and amateur sports, and current affairs. CJSR-FM is home to one of Canada’s longest-running lgbt programs, Gaywire, which has been on the air for more than 20 years.

9. CJSR-FM also shares programming with other stations in the c/c sector. The station recently hosted the 2014 Homelessness Marathon, an annual 14-hour live national radio event that is intended to raise awareness of homelessness in Canadian communities. The marathon was broadcast simultaneously by several NCRA/ANREC member stations. CJSR-FM is also home to Terra Informa, an award winning environmental news program which is re-broadcast in more than 50 communities across the country.

10. CJSR-FM was recently nominated for the 27th Annual Edmonton Mayor's Celebration of the Arts. The station was invited to celebrate its 30th anniversary on air by broadcasting publicly from 9am to 9pm at Edmonton City Hall.

11. Both of these stations play important roles in their communities, and assist and support to other stations in the c/c sector. We therefore support the renewal of their licenses, and we encourage the Commission to approve them.

Sincerely,



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