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Re: Various applications for renewal of broadcasting licences for campus and community (“c/c”) radio programming undertakings due by 25 February 2016

Vancouver Co-operative Radio (“CFRO-FM”) 2015-0803-7
University of Guelph Radio – Radio Gryphon (“CFRU-FM”) 2015-0997-8
LU Campus Radio Inc. (“CILU-FM”) 2015-0903-5
Bonne Bay Cottage Hospital Heritage Corporation (“CHBB-FM”) 2015-0813-6

1. We are writing on behalf of the National Campus and Community Radio Association/ l’Association nationale des radios étudiantes et communautaires (“NCRA/ANREC”) in support of the applications by CFRO-FM, CFRU-FM, CILU-FM, and CHBB-FM to renew their broadcasting licenses. These stations have been found in compliance, and we note that the Commission intends to renew them for a full seven-year term, subject to interventions. We request an 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 c/c stations, and conduct lobbying and policy development initiatives 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. We currently represent 95 not-for-profit member radio stations, including these four stations.
3. CFRO-FM is a cornerstone of community radio broadcasting in Canada, with 300 active volunteers. It is recognized as a leader in the c/c sector for its longevity, development of policies and procedures, governance model, training and supervision of programmers, accountability and responsiveness of staff and board, and levels of professionalism in its operation. CFRO-FM is home to exceptional locally-produced and locally-focused spoken word programming, grassroots community access, and collaborative work with the underrepresented community of Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Since the inception of the NCRA/ANREC Community Radio Awards in 1993, CFRO-FM has been recognized for their excellence in programming a dozen times.
4. Since addressing their past apparent non-compliance during their license renewal in 2011, CFRO-FM has succeeded in remaining compliant to date. Endeavouring to maintain the conditions of their license has been and continues to be a priority.
5. CFRU-FM, located at the University of Guelph in Ontario, was started in 1939 and last year celebrated 35 years of broadcasting on its current frequency. CFRU-FM has been persistent in gauging and attempting to increase their impact on and value to both the student body and the community at large. The station plays a significant role in providing content to the ethnocultural communities resident within their service area, and broadcasts in Spanish, Farsi, Mandarin, Dari, Hindi, Punjabi, and Polish. The station is equally active on campus and has worked in conjunction with different academic programs, allowing students to create multimedia works for course projects. CFRU-FM also has standing connections with numerous student groups on campus, and enables these groups to both host radio programs and interact with the station in collaborative projects. CFRU-FM has received multiple awards from the NCRA/ANREC for programming excellence in 2013, 2012, 2010, and 2004, and another for community involvement in 1993.
6. CILU-FM, located at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, is another excellent example of a campus-based community station that serves both students and the community at large. For example, the award-winning program *Senior Moments* presents conversations with some of the oldest residents in Thunder Bay. Not long ago, the program featured an interview with a man who served on a submarine in World War II and rescued some Germans on Christmas. As another example, until recently, CILU-FM

broadcasted one of the only programs in Canada that is hosted entirely in the Finnish language, dealing with Finnish news, both locally and abroad. On campus, CILU-FM organizes and broadcasts an open stage at the coffee house once a month - promoting a safe, accessible, and enjoyable event at a venue where alcohol is not the focus. CILU-FM has been recognized for their excellence in programming by the NCRA/ANREC in 2015 and 2014.

7. CHBB-FM is located in Norris Point, in the heart of Gros Morne National Park, in Newfoundland and Labrador. This station has set a leading example in programming, especially with respect to spoken word. For example, the weekly exercise program *Mobility for Life*, which is hosted by a physiotherapist, provides exercise opportunities to seniors who are housebound for the winter. Last year, the station produced a bilingual program that speaks to local Acadian culture, four programs by youth under 12, and a series of programs by severely disabled people and their case workers. CHBB-FM also provides a weekly broadcast reporting on town council meetings in the three municipalities within their service area: Woody Point, Rocky Harbour, and Norris Point.
8. In conclusion, we believe these four applicants have accomplished a great deal during their current licence terms, and we are pleased to tell the Commission about some of their successes. We encourage the Commission to approve all of these applications and grant full-term renewals, allowing these stations to continue to serve their communities in furtherance of the objectives of the Broadcasting Act.

Sincerely,



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