

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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Ken Zakreski, re Community Radio Service.

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Cc: Avery, Nancy
Subject: Nov 8th Committee Meeting at 7pm delegation report - Community Radio service

Please schedule a delegation on the agenda. Include the following notes:

BC Ministry officials say that yes, in BC, a Regional District may provide a service for its community radio. "There exists nothing in the Local Government Act to prohibit this service and it is up to the local electors" said Dave Crebo, A/Communications Manager, Community Services Communications Office, Victoria BC.

I recommend RDN support should come in writing prior and be subject to a Community Station's CRTC approval. The support from a community may be expressed prior and funding contingent on the FM channel being available and with a CRTC decision to allow the service.

My information (which will hopefully be confirmed in the RDN report) is that we would need 50% plus one of voting residents and property owners to secure the service in a referenda.

If we are funded by an electoral district (RDN b in this case) there may be concerns about the ownership transfer of a community licence from a local, not for profit, registered society, to a full blown commercial, for profit, venture. In fact, BC Local Government Act regulations speak on the point of funding a business.

We have no intent to seek out a transfer of ownership of any potential licence we may hold. It is our intent to start and operate a not for profit, community owned, volunteer operated, FM community broadcasting concern, covering our area of broadcast with news and current events.

We wish to ensure the RDN a very public process would occur before any attempt of ownership transfer could occur. Further, it is my understanding no CRTC Decision exists allowing such a transfer and that the CRTC would "not likely" approve the ownership transfer of an English language community licence to a for profit applicant. I want to ensure the RDN of the CRTC responsibility in this matter.

The CRTC has regulations in place to control the transfer of ownership of broadcast licences.

Thank you,

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