

# Trent Radio cfff-fm 92.7

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Sent via epass

## Re: Application 2006-1458-8 Licence renewal

This is in reply to your letter of 13 December 2006

You write:

*In order to pursue the analysis of your application for the licence renewal of CFFF-FM, Peterborough, ON, please answer the following questions.*

*Further to your response dated 6 December 2006, please comment on the Commission renewing your licence as a Type B community radio station as per the Community Radio Policy (Public Notice CRTC 2000-13).*

The short answer is that we have determined that a Type B community radio licence is unsuitable and in conflict with our role as a Trent University student group. We derive about two-thirds of our annual revenue directly from students.

Trent Radio was conceived by Trent University students in the bower of that academic institution. Even before we were able to apply for a broadcast licence, we believed that we ourselves, our colleagues at other university-based radio groups and the regulatory framework of the CRTC needed to better articulate the duty owed to the broader community. This led (circa 1978) to Trent Radio developing and promoting the term "campus/community" radio to conceptualise and convey the particular sense of mission a student organisation (whose work is often cloistered within the confines of an academic institution) might wish to pursue, if only because the indiscriminate nature of radio transmission means that anyone with a radio receiver in the general vicinity would be able to listen in, whether or not they were part of the university community. In our particular case, we wished it to be recognised that Trent Radio was something the students of Trent were giving back to the Peterborough and area communities who, year after year, welcome Trent students into their midst, and who had worked so hard to establish Trent University in the first place.

Within our original meaning of "campus/community", Trent Radio defines itself as a student-based campus/community organisation with radio and production facilities sponsored and operated by the students to be shared by the community for the benefit or the community as a whole. We are incorporated and are designated a registered charity as such. For these reasons, we must decline renewing under the provisions of a Type B community radio licence.

Sincerely,

John K Muir, VP & GM