

Gabriola Theatre Centre

November 21, 2001

To Whom it May Concern:
re: Gabriola Radio Co-operative

The Gabriola Theatre Centre, established in 1996, strongly supports the concept of a cooperative, community-owned radio station and urges the CRTC to approve Gabriola Radio Co-operative's application.

The Gabriola community has proven to be a strong supporter of the arts, proven by the recent election where Gabriola Island, out of five electoral areas, had the largest majority (nearly 70%) in favour of a referendum establishing an annual contribution to the Port Theatre in Nanaimo.

Sincerely,



Antony Holland
Director of Gabriola Theatre Centre



**COASTAL
COMMUNITY**
CREDIT UNION

Administration

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Tel: 250 741 3200 Fax: 250 741 3223 www.cccu.ca

November 7th, 2002

Gabriola Co-op Radio
C/O Gabriola Artworks
#9 575 North Road
Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X0

Attention: Linda Rainey,

Dear Linda,

I am pleased to enclose our cheque in the amount of \$500.00 in support of the Gabriola Radio Co-op. While we cannot fund the total amount requested, we are supportive of your efforts and are always pleased to assist a new co-operative venture.

We would appreciate being updated on your progress with this endeavour.

Congratulations on an exciting project and good luck with your fundraising!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me on my direct line @ 741-3217.

Regards,

Lynne Fraser
Vice President, Finance & Community Relations

GABRIOLA CO-OP RADIO

Website: <http://members.shaw.ca/piertv/gabriolaradio/index.htm>

October 2, 2002

Coastal Community Credit Union
Gabriola Community Branch
7 - 580 North Rd.
Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X0

Attention Ms. Sandra Rudischer

Dear Ms. Rudischer :

Subject: Gabriola Co-op Radio

We are looking for your support in developing a stand alone, non profit FM radio service, operated by community members, with studio and broadcasting facilities located on Gabriola.

Our objective is to establish an ongoing community radio station that can broadcast during an extended period of declared emergency to the region under the authority of the Gabriola Provincial Emergency Coordinator and additionally Cedar, Yellowpoint and Naraimo. This region would include the Islands in the immediate vicinity of Valdes, Gabriola, Mudge, Link, Decourcey, Pylades, Ruxton, and Tugboat.

Programming will be of direct and particular relevance to the community we serve, with promotion of local events and activities, as well as increased exposure of music by new and local talent, music that is not generally broadcast by commercial stations. Exciting plans are already in progress to showcase the diverse talents of Gabriolans.

This radio station will greatly benefit the community with timely topics such as ferry updates, emergency announcements and important advisories.

Total funding required is \$ 250,000 which we will be looking to invest in a fund that will pay an annual return to cover the costs of our yearly operating budget of \$ 20,000. To facilitate this goal we have recently opened an account at the Gabriola Credit Union.

Our immediate needs are for a donation of \$ 1800. to cover the cost of a CRTC required engineering brief, which must be submitted along with our completed CRTC application form in order for this radio station to proceed. Any support the Credit Union is able to extend to help us with this cost is greatly appreciated.

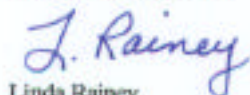
Public meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM at Gabriola Artworks and all are welcome to attend. Please visit our website for regular updates.

We look forward to your reply and thank you sincerely for your support of this much needed community radio station. Please mail your donation to:

Gabriola Co-op Radio
c/o Gabriola Artworks
9 - 575 North Road
Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X0

Yours truly,

Gabriola Co-op Radio



Linda Rainey
Fundraising Coordinator
247-7871

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Ken Zakreski 247-9891 or email gabriolaradio@shaw.ca

hand-delivered Oct 8/02

Thu, May 2, 2002 11:54 AM

From: Mathisen, Carl T BCFC:EX <Carl.Mathisen@bcferries.com>
To: "gabriolaradio@shaw.ca" <gabriolaradio@shaw.ca>
Cc: "Clapton, Steve BCFC:EX" <Steve.Clapton@bcferries.com>
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2002 11:51 AM
Subject: Gabriola Co-op Radio Notice Board

Hi Ken, as long as you accept the responsibility for the notice board and agree to maintain it's appearance, you have my permission to put up the notice board. However please keep in mind my level of authority, should there be any problems a little farther along.....?

Good luck with the station!

Carl Mathisen
Senior Ticket Attendant,
Nanaimo Harbour



ISLANDS TRUST

Box 9 - 590 North Road, Gabriola Island, B.C. V0R 1X0
Telephone: (250) 247-2063 Facsimile: (250) 247-7514
Internet: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca>

For toll free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC:
In Vancouver 660-2421; elsewhere in B.C. 1-800-663-7887

December 18, 2002

File Number: GB/05

Kathy Ramsey
9-575 North Rd.
Gabriola Island, BC
V0R 1X1

Dear Kathy:

Re: Gabriola Radio Co-operative

The Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee, in their meeting of November 28th, 2002, discussed your request for their support in your application to the Canadian Radio and Television Corporation to establish the Gabriola Radio Co-operative.

With the background you provided in that email the Local Trust Committee passed a resolution to support your proposal as follows:

*It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that staff be instructed to write a letter of support for the Coop Radio application.*

CARRIED

Please feel free to call me if you require any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Jackson
Planner

cc: Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee



From: Ken Zakreski <wash@shaw.ca>
To: Chris Jackson <cjackson@islandstrust.bc.ca>
Cc: Gisele Rudischer <grudischer@home.com>
Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2001 3:46 PM
Subject: Zoning Inquiry

Gabriola Community Radio Society
1010 Keith Drive North
Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X0
December 4, 2001

Chris Jackson, Planner
Gabriola Islands Trust
Box 5 - 590 North Road
Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X0

Dear Chris,

I am completing an Application to Obtain a Broadcast Licence to Carry on a Community FM Radio Programming Undertaking pursuant to the Public Notice CRTC 2000-13 issued on 28 January 2000. The application would be submitted by myself as applicant's agent on behalf of a not for profit society to be incorporated. I have a few questions regarding permitted uses under the local Official Community Plan (OCP) described in Bylaw number 177.

Broadcast undertakings usually comprise of two components: a studio site - housing assorted audio equipment and a transmitter location - consisting of a tower and transmitter building. These two components are connected by a Studio Transmitter Loop, usually telephone lines, but could consist of a small microwave dish array at each end.

Would a radio studio be a permitted use if located on a property zoned VC1, VC2 or DC1. For the purposes of simplicity does the Islands Trust agree that a radio studio is the same principle use as an office under the OCP?

Regarding the transmitter location. Two transmitter towers currently exist on Gabriola Island, one operated by Cercomm Electronics (located south off of Coates Drive) another operated by Tellus BC (overlooking Mudge Island). Are these tower locations suitably zoned for operating an FM transmitter and antenna array under the OCP?

I appreciate a response to my inquiries at your earliest possible convenience.

Yours truly,

Ken Zakreski

cc. Gisele Rudischer, Trustee



P.O. Box 249, #3 – 575 North Road
Gabriola Island, B.C. V0R 1X0
Ph/FAX: 250-247-9332

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info@gabriolastrand.org
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December 4th, '02

Gabriola Radio Co-operative
#9-575 North Rd.,
Gabriola Island, BC
V0R 1X1

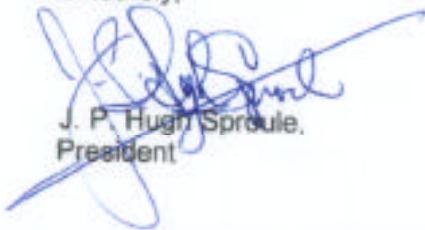
To whom it may concern,

At its December 2nd '02 meeting, our Board directed me to forward this letter.

We are in favour of any means to improve on-island communications, especially during an emergency or a critical situation; e.g. ferry cancellations, long power outages, natural disasters, etc. Therefore the Gabriola Island Chamber of Commerce supports the concept in principle and looks forward to hearing about future developments.

Good luck in your endeavours.

Sincerely,



J. P. Hugh Sproule,
President

The objectives of the Gabriola Chamber of Commerce shall be to promote and improve trade and commerce and the economic, civic and social welfare of the district - - -

- - - - - Please visit us at - - - - www.gabriolastrand.org

Friends of Gabriola
radio present:

FLAMES OF FIRE 

GAMUT 

Incmt

INTELLIGENT DEATH

DJs: Dave-O and Johnny T (spoken
mirrors, CHLY)

at the community hall downstairs

OCT. 25 (FRIDAY) doors at 7 p.m. 5\$

proceeds donated to Gabriola
Co-op Radio

Friends of Gabriola Co-op Radio Presents
4 bands for \$5 bucks - Oct 25th
a fundraiser for the proposed community station on Gabriola.

Gamut - played modern rock
brief appearance by Gabriola Volunteer Fire Dept.
Flames of Fire - played acid rock
mcmt - performed a live electronic show
Intelligent Death - played industrial
Intermission music provided by dj Johnny T of Nanaimo
Sound by Harvey and Sue
Lights by George
Ken provided the computers with pacman and Star Wars v. 1.00.
Kitchen services provided Anna Bauer
Organizers for the event where: Dougie - front of house, Shehan - music.

All bands and volunteers where from Gabriola

We would like to thank the Gabriola Fire Dept for their contribution to making this night a success. Without their help the fire alarm would have driven the attending crowd away.

Friends of Gabriola Co-op Radio covered the hall rental and expenses for the event.
Donations totalling \$155.00 will be deposited to the benefit of Gabriola Co-op Radio.

"I would like to thank the community for helping start our community radio station." -
developer Ken Zakreski

Gabriola Co-op Radio Station
49-575 North Rd.,
Gabriola Island, BC
V0R 1X3



Gabriola Co-op Radio

June 11, 2003

Kate Wood
2860 South Rd.,
Gabriola Island, BC
V0R 1X6

Dear Ms. Wood

Thank you for giving Gabriola Co-op Radio such a strong, identifiable image. We feel you have truly captured the spirit of what we are all about – a bold, clear voice coming from an eclectic part of the world.

If your talent is a reflection of our community, our radio station is bound to be an overwhelming success. In addition, we would like to commend you on your promptness in executing this project.

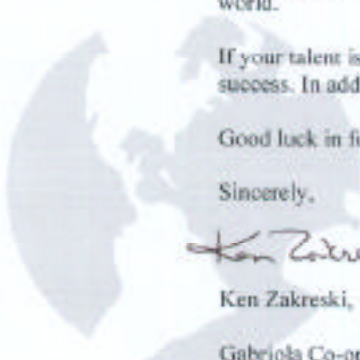
Good luck in future endeavors!

Sincerely,



Ken Zakreski,

Gabriola Co-op Radio, director



Tue, Apr 9, 2002 3:43 PM

From: Judy Wilson <jwilson@virl.bc.ca>
To: <kenzakreski@shaw.ca>
Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2002 3:20 PM
Subject: Fwd: CRTC application

Judy Wilson
Area Librarian - Nanaimo Harbourfront and Gabriola Island
Vancouver Island Regional Library
90 Commercial Street
Nanaimo, B.C.
V9R 5G4
(250) 753-1154 ext. 230

From: Ken Zakreski <kenzakreski@prod.shaw.ca>
Date: Tue, 09 Apr 2002 15:04:54 -0700
To: jwilson@virl.bc.ca
Subject: CRTC application

Hi Judy,

I am completing a CRTC application for an FM broadcast licence for a community radio undertaking with studios and transmitters located on Gabriola Island, BC.

We are required to place a copy of our CRTC application for public viewing. I would like your permission to leave a copy of the CRTC application at the Gabriola Branch, located at #5 - 575 North Road, Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X0.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at 250-247-9891.

Ken Zakreski
Gabriola Co-op Radio

Gabriola Co-op Radio

April 19, 2002

Carl Mathisen
Senior Ticket Agent
BC Ferries Corporation
Nanaimo Harbour

Dear Carl,

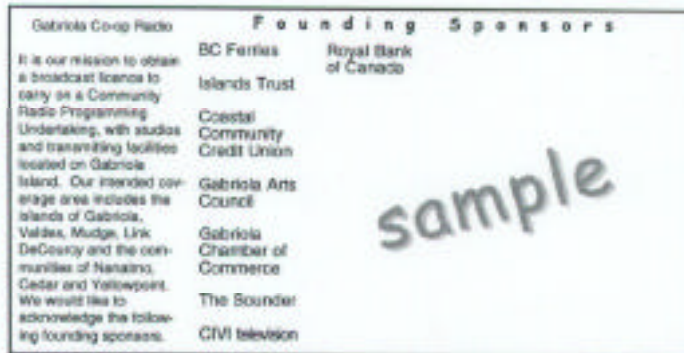
Further to our conversation of April 17th.

Gabriola Co-op Radio will be starting a public fund raising campaign to secure the estimated \$50,000 required for the start up of a volunteer run, not for profit, community radio station. We would like to recognize our community sponsors in a prominent spot. I would like your permission to place a 4' x 8' notice board on the fence next to the Islands Trust sign in the Nanaimo terminal.

This notice board would be constructed of exterior grade plywood and coated with marine enamel white paint. It would be secured to the fence using solid galvanized pipe clamps with stainless steel fasteners. The lettering would be of a suitable top quality vinyl custom cut for exterior use.

Our funding secured to date is earmarked for an Engineering Brief so we cannot pay you anything to place the notice board on BC Ferries property. We ask that you accept a nominal payment of one dollar per year for your consideration. We would accept all responsibility for the notice board and agree to maintain its appearance as long as it is in the Nanaimo Terminal.

Below is a sketch of the notice board.



Yours sincerely,

Ken Zakreski

ph: 247-9891

#9 - 575 NORTH ROAD, GABRIOLA ISLAND, BC V0R 1X0
GABRIOLARADIO@SHAW.CA

Gabriola Co-op Radio

May 8, 2003

Snuneymuxw First Nation
668 Centre Street
Nanaimo, BC
V9R 4Z4

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Gabriola Radio Co-operative is seeking a letter of support from the Snuneymuxw First Nation to be included in the co-op's application to the CRTC.

For those unfamiliar with Gabriola Radio Cooperative, the group started last year when the launch of CHLY FM in Nanaimo increased the interest for an FM broadcasting facility on Gabriola Island.

A stand-alone facility on Gabriola, owned by the community, operated as a co-operative is desirable from a safety, cultural and economic perspective.

The community station will broadcast to the islands of Valdes, Gabriola, Mudge, Link, DeCoursey, Pylades, Ruxton, Protection, and Tugboat along with the communities of Cedar, Yellowpoint and downtown Nanaimo. The station will be able to broadcast during an extended period of declared emergency, under the authority of the Gabriola Provincial Emergency Coordinator.

We anticipate an active role for the Snuneymuxw First Nation in all aspects of the station including programming, while being able to provide opportunities in technical and administrative training.

As our application is almost complete we hope to have a reply from you shortly. For more information on our application please don't hesitate to call Ken Zakreski at 247-9891 or visit our web site at <http://members.shaw.ca/gabrielaradio/index.htm>

Sincerely,

Kathy Ramsey
On behalf of the Gabriola Radio Co-operative

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Jan. 23, 2003

Mr. Ken Zakreski
c/o Gabriola Co-op Radio
#9 - 575 North Road
Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X0

Dear Ken,

As you know, I am the Emergency Plan Coordinator for Gabriola Island and as well for the neighbouring islands of Mudge, Link, and DeCourcey. It is my responsibility to work with Emergency Services personnel (Fire, Ambulance, RCMP, and Emergency Social Services) and the community to develop a comprehensive emergency plan and to assist in the implementation of the plan if and when an emergency occurs.

A coordinated emergency plan centers on a good communications system. In this regard, one of our biggest concerns is what will happen if an emergency such as a major earthquake knocks out the power and/or telephone systems. Without these, most people in need of help won't be able to let emergency personnel know they need help. Furthermore, the island's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) will not be able to get accurate/timely information as to the state of the emergency throughout the jurisdiction, and as a result won't be able to allocate its (limited) resources effectively.

If you are successful in establishing a local FM radio station, we will be very interested in working with you to broadcast relevant messages and instructions to the community during an emergency. Even broadcasting a simple message once an hour would be a big help. I understand you will have a backup power system, and this of course is just what's needed in an no-power emergency.

An FM radio station will be a very positive step forward as far as our emergency plan is concerned. Speaking on behalf of myself and the other Emergency Services personnel, I wholeheartedly support the establishment of a local FM radio station on Gabriola Island.

Sincerely,



Bob McKechnie
Gabriola Emergency Plan Coordinator
250 247-8197 or bobmck@shaw.ca



People For a Healthy Community on Gabriola Society

❖ Box 325 Gabriola BC V0R 1X0 ❖ Phone (250) 247-7311

January 22, 2003

Kathy Ramsay
Gabriola Radio Cooperative
#9 – 575 North Road
Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X1

Dear Kathy;

Please include this letter of support in your application to the CRTC.

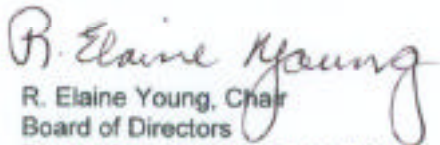
People for a Healthy Community on Gabriola Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to coordinating, facilitating and providing community support services, information and opportunities for people on Gabriola Island to enhance their quality of life. Specifically, we operate a youth centre (the Gathering Place), an after school care program, summer programs for youth, an emergency food depot, and other food-related programs. Many of the people we serve most directly have, due to poverty, isolation or illness, limited opportunity to participate in their community.

We believe that a Gabriola radio station would contribute to the dissemination of information, safety and cultural cohesiveness of our community. As well, it could provide unique opportunities for our youth. Specifically, PHC would use a community notice board. We may also be interested in providing community-based programming that would highlight our programs and services.

A locally based FM radio station could prove invaluable in the case of emergency. Our region includes a number of smaller islands that have no ferry service. Should an emergency occur, local emergency planners and workers would have the ability to broadcast essential information specific to the needs of islanders.

Should you need any further information about our organization, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



R. Elaine Young, Chair
Board of Directors
People for a Healthy Community