

Dear CRTC,

I am filing a formal complaint to the CRTC against Cre-Comm Inc. (broadcast license holder for CKIC 92.9 Winnipeg).

On November 22, 2011, Cre-Comm Inc. held their Annual General Meeting. Unlike the 2010 AGM this event was not announced in any media (letter, ad, radio, Facebook, Twitter, Webpage).

A board was apparently selected but again unlike the 2010-2011 board, the members were not announced.

On January 24, 2012 I asked Mr. Graham Thomson, Dean of Business and Applied Arts, Red River College and also non-voting member of Cre-Comm Inc. who was on the current board of directors and what their affiliation was.

On January 25, 2012, Mr. Thomson belligerently replied that the information was available from the Manitoba Companies Office.

I did not think that this was an appropriate response as this information should be available from Cre-Comm Inc. itself. I repeated my question to Mr. Thomson on February 8, 2012.

Mr. Thomson replied that he would not be responding to any further correspondence.

As of March 2012 the Companies Office has listed Cre-Comm Inc. as being in default for filing an annual return (as of January 31, 2012).

As of March 20, 2012, when I acquired the 2010-2011 Board of Directors from the Companies Office, there was no listing of the current (2011-2012) board members.

Mr. Thomson deliberately and knowingly lied to me on behalf of the Cre-Comm Inc. Board of Directors. I went in good faith (and paid money) in an attempt to obtain information that Mr. Thomson told me would be there. This was nothing but a clumsy attempt to hide the board from public scrutiny.

Given that the AGM was held in secret, that there has been no public posting of the board members or their affiliations, and that this information is being withheld from the public, it is clear that Cre-Comm Inc. is attempting to hide their true intentions from the public during the time of their license renewal.

In February 2011, I submitted complaint 509879 to the CRTC in which I clearly showed that the Board of Cre-Comm Inc. is stacked with commercial radio representatives as well as Red River College staff and students. As clearly showed in the "Nomination Committee" meeting minutes from November 2010, the "Executive Committee" does not even consider members of the community for the board - ONLY commercial radio representatives are considered.

In subsequent communication with the CRTC, I have repeatedly demonstrated that the board membership is in violation of their own bylaws and control of the

license rests exclusively with an illegal "Executive Committee" that takes its marching orders from the primary funder - the President of Red River College.

Complaint 509879 extensively documented how the 2010-2011 board went through no fewer than 5 revisions that were released to the public and one member's status (Industry rep Janet Trecarten) has never been fully verified - she has been identified as a voting member yet was filed with the Companies Office as a non-voting member for 2010-2011. As documented in complaint 509879, Ms. Trecarten was seconding motions at the December 9, 2010 board meeting when she was introduced at the 2010 AGM as a non-voting member.

Complaint 509879 also has shown that for years the students have been denied their right to an elected representative on the board.

I have also demonstrated in repeated documentation to the CRTC that the original application to the CRTC in 2002 promised that there would be membership for Cre-Comm Inc like there is membership at the other campus radio stations UMFM and CKUW.

Instead there is a closed shop board where the "Executive Committee" determines the board that in turn "elects" the "Executive Committee", the membership of which - alleged by the licensee to traditionally be composed of the Officers of the Corporation and on at least one occasion, the lawyer for the Red River College who acts for the Corporation - is being withheld from the public that provides over 90% of the funding for the non-profit.

There is no accountability, the public has been repeatedly deceived, and hundreds of thousands of education dollars are being used to benefit the commercial interests of the local radio industry as well as Red River College.

In fact - No one knows who is truly in control of this broadcast license.

There is mounting evidence of potential criminal activity pertaining to misuse of education funds and fraud in the abuse of a federal broadcast license, in addition to the crime of not filing annual returns with both the CRTC and the Manitoba Companies office (pursuant to their respective policies and acts). The acts of omission pertaining to withholding official returns from regulatory agencies when the issue of care and control has been front and centre for years must be investigated.

As Cre-Comm Inc. attempts to renew their license, it is more important than ever that the CRTC perform a full inquiry into all complaints, questions and issues surrounding the governance of this license.

In the interests of honesty and transparency the public deserves no less.

Please find supporting documentation attached.

Respectfully submitted

John Hotchkiss