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EDMONTON (ALBERTA), APRIL 13, 2017 /PRESS RELEASE/ – This year - the second in the CRTC's Three Year Plan (2016-2019) - the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission plans to review the Native Broadcasting Policy (CRTC 1990-89). The gatherings entitled "The Future of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Broadcasting: Conversation and Convergence" aim to bring practitioners, policy makers and academics together as allies and to prepare a context for respectful and meaningful consultations. Regional events will be held from February to May culminating in a national conference hosted in Ottawa from June 15-17.

The third event will take place in Edmonton, Alberta - April 21, 2017, at the Telus Center (University of Alberta, 11104 87 Ave NW).

Presenters in Edmonton will include:

- Jodi Stonehouse, Acimowin on CJSR 88.5 FM,
- Chelsea Vowel and Molly Swain, Métis In Space podcast,
- Lauren Crazybull, This is Blackfoot Territory podcast,
- Les Carpenter, Native Communications Society (NCS) of the NWT,
- Rob McMahon, First Mile Connectivity Consortium and University of Alberta, and Michael Lithgow, Athabasca University.

Sessions will also focus on the CRTC Native Broadcasting Policy¹ and the process for the upcoming policy review. Participants are invited to comment on the following questions:

- How would you like the CRTC consultation process to be conducted?
- How should the review process itself be changed?
- What should the policy entail?
- What are the elements to include or exclude?
- What changes would be required to the *Broadcasting Act, 1991*, to ensure the policy is upheld?

The regional events are free and open to the public. Participants are invited to register online at www.IndigenousRadio.ca.

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1884748308403913/>

Poster: http://indigenoustradio.ca/resources/Edmonton_Poster_Future.pdf

Program: [http://indigenoustradio.ca/resources/REGIONAL%20EVENT%20DETAILS%20EDMONTON\(final\).pdf](http://indigenoustradio.ca/resources/REGIONAL%20EVENT%20DETAILS%20EDMONTON(final).pdf)

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¹ <http://crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/1990/PB90-89.htm>