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**WINNIPEG, January 26, 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 kick-off event will take place in Winnipeg at the University of Manitoba, Saint John's College (92 Dysart Road), Room 108, on Friday, February 17, 2017, from 8am – 5pm.**

Presenters in Winnipeg will include:

- Rosanna Deerchild and Kim Wheeler, Storytelling on National Ikwe Radio
- Gary Farmer and Kathleen Buddle, Aboriginal Voices Radio Network
- MP Robert-Falcon Ouellette, At the Edge of Canada on UMF
- Lenard Monkman, Red Rising Magazine on print & internet publishing

Two sessions will focus on the CRTC Native Broadcasting Policy<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.IndigenousRadio.ca).

**Poster:**

<http://indigenoustradio.ca/resources/FUTUREposterEN.pdf>

**Program:**

[http://indigenoustradio.ca/resources/FUTUREfliers\(Winnipeg\).pdf](http://indigenoustradio.ca/resources/FUTUREfliers(Winnipeg).pdf)

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