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FUNDING OFFERED TO CICK-FM

The Community Radio Fund of Canada proudly supports “*Filling the Gaps and Raising the Bar at CICK*”

Ottawa and Smithers , Sep. 12th, 2018) – Mr. Roger Ouellette, President of the Community Radio Fund of Canada (CRFC) and Mr. Glen Ingram, Station Manager of CICK-FM, a community-based radio station in Smithers, BC, are pleased to announce that \$40,420 will go towards the implementation of " *Filling the Gaps and Raising the Bar at CICK* ". These funds were made available by the CRFC under their *Radiometres* program, a funding program aimed to improve local programming and volunteer participation. This is the 6th time that the CRFC provides financial support to CICK under this program, bringing the total awarded to \$201,735.

With the funds received, the station will aim to build a lasting relationship with the Indigenous community by recording and broadcasting some cross-cultural dialogues and conducting a live interview with a renowned traditional song and dance composer. The programming will also include the first and only live recordings of the Ewk Hiyah Hozdli drum and dance group that involve 20 multigenerational performers. Their entire repertoire of recently revived songs will be captured in both audio and video. Some interviews with elders will be broadcast as well to capture the stories behind the songs. A native Witsuwit'en speaker will be teaching new words or phrases to non-native speakers. The recordings will be made available through podcasts and social media and will serve to preserve a nearly-lost language.

Glen Ingram, Station Manager at Smithers Community Radio says, “CICK is excited to receive funding from the CRFC that will do much to bridge the gaps within the communities that our station serves while also firmly establishing CICK as the arts hub for all people, projects and cultures in the Bulkley Valley.”

Since its inception in 2012, the *Radiometres* program enabled a total investment of more than \$12 million in the campus and community radio sector. It is an impressive number of 360 funded projects that have been approved. “I’m happy to add CICK’s project to the growing list of funded initiatives. Projects such as this one contribute to preserving the rich history and diversity of our country and to integrating minority groups into mainstream culture,” says the CRFC President, Roger Ouellette.

For more information about the CRFC, the only organization mandated to financially support the c/c sector in Canada, and get the complete list of all funded projects in this round of funding, please visit www.crfc-fcrc.ca.

For more information about CICK-FM and *Filling the Gaps and Raising the Bar at CICK*, please visit www.smithersradio.com.

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