



March 26, 2004

John Sampson
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USA
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Dear John:

RE: Correspondence regarding the monitoring of transmissions

Thank you for your letter advising that you were able to monitor a portion of the Transmissions of CKBF2-860 am radio. You were receiving the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation/Radio Canada signal which is generated from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Our programming department has confirmed that you were in receipt of our signal on October 12, 2003. The program was a network show initially generated out of Montréal, Québec called Pourquoi pas Dimanche.

The other details you've requested are as follows:

Frequency: 860 kHz
Call sign: CBKF-2

It is great to know we have listeners from as far away as Grand Rapids!

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Regards,

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Dear Mr Sampson:

A Short History of CBC Technical in Saskatchewan

CBK was established in 1939 as part of an overall CBC plan to bring programming to all parts of Canada. This was to be done with several well placed 50 kilowatt transmitters. CBK was designed to serve all of the prairie provinces, which accounts for Watrous being chosen as the site. It is located in the center of the populated portion of the prairies, and as a bonus it is located on a potash vein, making it's ground conductivity one of the best on the continent. As well, it is located on the main line of the CNR, which gives it access to communications facilities, ie: broadcast network lines.

Over the years, electrical noise levels rose making it necessary to install transmitters in Alberta and Manitoba to improve reception in those areas, and CBK was left with its present role of serving Saskatchewan.

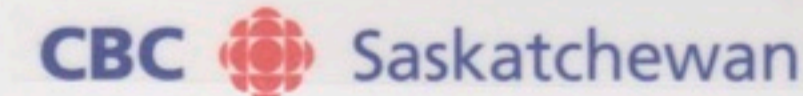
Originally, studios were located at the transmitter site and many programs originated from Watrous, including French programming, produced by a staff of 14. In 1949 the CBC built its regional offices and studios in Winnipeg, where it remained until 1954 when studios were established in Regina. Studio space was rented because a new studio complex was going to be built "in a couple of years."

With the coming of the accelerated coverage program, a series of 15 low power FM transmitters were established throughout northern Saskatchewan to extend CBC coverage to populated areas as far north as Uranium City.

The French operation evolved quite differently. CBKF-1 and CBKF-2 (originally CFRG and CFNS) were established by community funded organizations in Gravelbourg and Saskatoon to bring the first French language service to these areas in 1952. CFRG had a 250 watt transmitter and CFNS, 1000 watts. Later CFRG increased power to 5000 watts during the daytime on 710 KHz (an American Clear Channel) but to maintain service had to switch to its old 250 watt transmitter on 1230 KHz at night.

The French stations were commercial operations, but were subsidized by the CBC in return for carrying French network programs. When the stations began to have financial difficulties in the mid '70s, the CBC purchased them. Studios in Saskatoon and Gravelbourg were closed and all programming came from CBC Regina. Subsequently the Saskatoon transmitter was relocated and its power increased to 10 Kw, and the Gravelbourg transmitter was replaced and the frequency moved to 690 KHz. CBKF was added at that time to serve Regina, and low power FM repeaters established at Zenon Park, Bellegarde, North Battleford and Prince Albert. The CBKF transmitter is located at the CH.9 TV site and shares an antenna with CBK-FM.

Regards
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CBC RADIO SK.



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is pleased to verify your reception
on SUNDAY, OCT 12 / 03
of its transmissions from
Station CBKF2
Frequency 860 KHZ
Power 10KW
This station is on the
CBC AM FRENCH Network
Per Dave Wagg
Date Feb 3/04

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