

50-word-bio

Recent Mount Allison University Graduate Scott Brown and Mount Allison Student Melissa O'Rourke are the 2012-13 Spoken Word Directors at CHMA-FM in Sackville, N.B. Their positions are funded through a grant from the CFRC. Both were previously programmers and volunteers at the station and have no formal journalism training.

200-word note about the program

The 2012-2013 programming year has been one of great achievement at CHMA. Our programming schedule has rarely been so full of exciting, local programming, our involvement in the community has increased greatly, and we have embarked upon several new initiatives in expanding our spoken word department. Under that area of station operations one of our initiatives has been coordinating roundtable discussions that include community members and focus on community issues. For the debut roundtable we chose to look at the effects climate change would have on the area, specifically on the dike system that surrounds our town. To do this we approached Mount Allison professor Brad Walters, Masters Student Emily Phillips, and Planning Commission representative James Bornemann to take part and provide information from the perspective of experts as well as residents of the town. What followed was a very informative discussion that shed a great deal of light on the situation as well as providing a framework for future roundtable discussions to air on CHMA. Making this happen has been one of my proudest accomplishments as Spoken Word Director. - Scott Brown