

PROVINCIAL COURT FRONT END PROJECT

WHAT'S NEW?

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Access to accused held at Headingley Correctional Centre by video link

The video link at the Winnipeg Remand Centre will be available during the following hours to interview inmates at Headingley Correction Centre:

Monday to Friday

5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sunday

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

It is recommended that counsel call 945-1960 to notify the Winnipeg Remand Centre that they will be attending to use the video link. This will expedite the process and confirm that the link has not been booked by another lawyer.

Contacting clients held at Headingley Correctional Centre by telephone

Defence counsel who need to contact their client by telephone at Headingley Correctional Centre can call 831-4610 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. seven days a week. A message will be provided to their client to call them back as soon as possible.

Contacting clients held at Winnipeg Remand Centre by telephone

Defence counsel who need to contact their client by telephone at the Winnipeg Remand Centre can call 945-1960 between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. seven days a week. Counsel will either be transferred directly through to the floor where their client is being held or their name will be taken and a message provided to their client to call them back. It is recommended that counsel utilize this process to confirm consent bail conditions as opposed to returning to the WRC to speak to their clients in person. Please note that accused are now permitted to call cell phones which was not an option available to them in the past.

Defence counsel obtaining copies of bail orders

Defence counsel requiring a copy of their client's bail papers can notify the clerk of the court in the courtroom as soon as the order for judicial interim release is granted. The court clerk will note this request by counsel on the order and a copy of the bail paper will be placed in the lawyer's mail slots on the main floor of the Law Courts Building on the next business day.

Access to a fax machine at Stony Mountain Institute

The Sentence Administration area at Stony Mountain Institute has indicated that they will look after any copies of lawyer/client documents received by fax such as waivers of appearance, legal aid forms, general correspondence, etc. The fax number is 344-7103.

This is being distributed by Chief Judge Raymond Wyant as recommended by the Bail Court Committee. If you have any comments or suggestions that you would like considered with respect to bail courts, please contact any of the following members:

Judiciary: Chief Judge Raymond Wyant, Judge Tim Preston, Judge Janice LeMaistre

Provincial Prosecutions: Michele Jules, Chris Vanderhooft, Judy Hrabarchuk

Federal Prosecutions: Jeremy Akerstream

Defence Bar: Saheel Zaman, Tony Cellitti

Legal Aid: Mike Walker

Provincial Corrections: Reg Forrester, Ron Leslie, James Hand, Jamie Wardrop

Stony Mountain Institute: Stephen Kolotinsky

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