

**NOTICE
PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA**

**RE: PROVINCIAL COURT CIRCUIT SITTINGS
(WINNIPEG) 2014**

Please be advised that changes are being made to the Provincial Court (Winnipeg) 2014 Circuit Schedule, designed to improve the Court's ability to deal with matters effectively and within a reasonable time.

1. A number of circuit points have been amalgamated as follows:
 - Teulon and Stonewall, in Stonewall
 - Carman and Morden, in Morden
 - Morris and Emerson, in Emerson
 - Lac du Bonnet and Beausejour, in Beausejour
2. The schedule is now based on a 4 week cycle, rather than a monthly cycle. So, court sittings that had been monthly will be every four weeks; semi-monthly will be every two weeks.
3. Special sittings (court days additional to the regular circuit court sitting) pose a significant problem to the system because delays are often occasioned in trying to get dates when the judge, defence counsel, Crown counsel, clerk and accused are all available in an available venue.

To deal with this two changes have been made as follows:

- Some circuits with a high number of special sittings have had their regular sitting days increased.
- There will be a special sitting day available on almost every day throughout the year. The location of the special sitting will be assigned by the Trial Coordinator's Office as and when required. A judge will be assigned each day and matters can be scheduled in from regular circuit court sittings.

In developing this schedule I have been mindful of the circuits regularly attended by specific counsel to avoid conflicts and as well, the demands of fly-in circuits.

For those counsel who attend circuits from the Portage la Prairie and Brandon Judicial Centres, please note that three other circuit courts have been amalgamated:

- Neepawa and Minnedosa in Minnedosa
- Amaranth and Sandy Bay in Sandy Bay
- Killarney and Boissevain in Boissevain

ISSUED BY:

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**Ken Champagne, Chief Judge
(Manitoba)**

DATE: March 12, 2013