

NOTICE

MANITOBA COURT OF APPEAL

RE: ALL HEARINGS AT THE COURT OF APPEAL WILL BE CONDUCTED REMOTELY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

NOVEMBER 2, 2020

This Notice replaces the previously issued Notice dated June 24, 2020.

The Manitoba Court of Appeal continues to balance its institutional obligations with broader public health priorities. Since the previously issued June 24, 2020 Notice, all appeals, motions or applications have been heard in person, unless ordered otherwise.

On Friday, October 30, 2020, the Chief Public Health Officer moved the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region to the Critical Level (Red) effective Monday, November 2, 2020. As a result, and until further notice, starting on Tuesday, November 3, 2020:

- 1) all appeals will be heard remotely by videoconferencing; and
- 2) all motions or applications will be heard remotely by teleconferencing.

How to access a videoconference appeal hearing: Half an hour before the hearing, the Court Clerk will send out a videoconferencing hearing email invitation from GoToWebinar to all counsel or self-represented litigants with a link to join the videoconference. All counsel or self-represented litigants are required to access the videoconferencing link using a webcam-equipped computer 10 minutes before the hearing.

How to access a teleconference motion or application hearing: At least 24 hours prior to the hearing, the Court Clerk will provide counsel or self-represented litigants with a telephone number and access code. All counsel or self-represented litigants are required to access the teleconferencing line five minutes before the hearing.

If you are not familiar with videoconferencing or teleconferencing technology, please contact the Registry at least 24 hours before the hearing with any questions you may have.

The registry remains open for filings. With respect to the filing of documents, all previously announced public safety measures remain in place. Everyone is asked to respect these measures.

In addition, beginning November 3, 2020, additional COVID-19 precautions will be put in place by Sheriff Services, which includes enhanced COVID screening questions and temperature screening for all members of the public and court stakeholders, including counsel, upon entry to the Law Courts Building.

Finally, for the latest information, please monitor the Manitoba Courts website at: <http://www.manitobacourts.mb.ca/>

ISSUED BY:

The Honourable Richard J. Chartier
Chief Justice of Manitoba
DATE: November 3, 2020