

# NOTICE

## PROVINCIAL COURT OF MANITOBA (THOMPSON COURT CENTRE)

### RE: JJP ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCUIT DOCKETS

The Provincial Court of Manitoba continues to work actively on plans to safely resume court sittings in each community in Northern Manitoba. There are significant challenges we are working through with the leadership in each community and other justice partners in order to return to preside in Court in each community. One step in preparing to return to a community is providing an opportunity for counsel to review and discuss the matters on a docket and for counsel to contact those clients they are able to reach, to discuss the next steps in the court process. This step is critical because all matters need to be reviewed before we go into the community to ensure the only people who attend court are people who have substantive matters, such as a trial or sentencing scheduled to be heard.

Starting on September 14, 2020, the circuit dockets presided over by a Judicial Justice of the Peace (JJP) will be run in Thompson. Counsel who have matters appearing on the JJP dockets are asked to attend to address the matter before the Court. The JJPs will be able to endorse stays of proceedings, impose peace bonds, receive updates on the status of applications for counsel, referrals to diversion and set trial dates. If a matter is ready for disposition, and the circuit court location is open, the matter can be remanded to the next Judge's docket in the community for disposition.

We thank everyone for their participation and their efforts to slowly resuming court proceedings, even when they look different than they did before.

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**The Honourable Chief Judge  
Margaret Wiebe**

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